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The Royal Mail steamship *China*, Capt. Anderson, which sailed from Liverpool at 8 o'clock on the morning of the 22d, and from Queenstown on the afternoon of the 23d ultimo, arrived here at an early hour yesterday morning.

The screw steamer *City of Manchester*, Capt. Hancock, which sailed from Liverpool at 9 o'clock on the morning of the 19th, and from Queenstown on the afternoon of the 20th November, also arrived here yesterday morning.

The news by both arrivals has been anticipated.

The Norwegian arrived at Londonderry on the afternoon of the 21st, and reached Liverpool early on the morning of the 22d ult.

The Paris correspondent of the London *Herald* writes on the evening of the 21st November: "The only foreign political news of the slightest interest, to-day, is a report, very generally credited, that France has determined to prefer her mediation to the American belligerents alone, as England and Russia hold aloof, having reason to suppose that it will be favorably received both at New-York and Washington. The report is vouched for by the *Esprit Public*, a weekly paper, which occasionally picks up authentic information in the antechambers of the various Government offices."

In connection with the British bark *Blanche*, the Madrid Government has demanded that the extent of six miles from the coast of Cuba shall henceforth be considered to constitute Spanish water.

The oil refinery of Messrs. Price & Co., of Blackfriars, London, had been destroyed by fire. Loss estimated at £60,000.

The London *Times* accepts the appointment of Baron Gros as Ambassador to London as a compliment to the Court and people of England, and as a pledge of the Emperor's desire to remain in amity and alliance with England.

According to the Liverpool *Journal of Commerce*, several agents who have proceeded lately to the Southern States report in their advices, received at Liverpool, that they cannot now purchase cotton direct from the Confederate Government. It appears that the Southern Confederacy are making large purchases of cotton, which they intend to hold for some time. The dispatch distinctly states that "the Confederate Government are not sellers of cotton; they are buyers." We believe we are correct in stating that the agents of several British merchants at Charleston have been also refused cotton, although tempting offers were made. The only way now to purchase cotton to the South is direct from the planters, and that in a short time will not be attainable if the Confederacy carry out their present scheme.

INTERESTING FROM PARIS.

An Insight into the Motive for the French Mediation Proposition—The Measure one for Internal Effect—Rousing of the Recent Democratic Successes, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Tuesday, Nov. 18, 1862.

We begin to see more clearly into the motive of the French proposition for an armistice. The evidence is overwhelming in favor of the supposition that it is a measure of internal policy, conceived and elaborated with the view of conciliating the suffering classes of France. When the poor of France suffer they have been taught to look to the Government for relief, and in the present case the Government has put itself into a position which enables it to say: "You see that I have done all I could; your surplus of suffering arises from the arrest of the trade with America and the blockade of the cotton ports; I have asked for the cessation of hostilities and the opening of the blockaded ports, but I have not succeeded; the perfidious English, while appearing to desire this measure, have in fact refused to aid me."

In my last letter I took it for granted that during the proposed six months' armistice the contending parties in America were to be consulted as to whether the blockaded ports were to be opened to trade or not. I now learn that the French Government intended, on the contrary, that the opening of the ports and the resumption of trade should be one of the fixed conditions of the armistice. This of itself proves that the document was written for home consumption, for we will not do M. DROUYN DE L'HUYS the injustice to suppose that he thought the Government and people of the United States—not even the Democratic party, upon whom our foreign enemies now so confidently count—would accept so gross an absurdity as that. But a demand for the opening of the ports catches the eye of the French people, and that is the principal thing.

Nevertheless, the French Government was anxious that its proposition should be accepted, and there is reason to believe it intended of its rejection by England. The French Government, if I am correctly informed, cares little how the war terminates in America; it will admit a reconstruction of the Union or its disintegration with about equal indifference, and if, under the proposed armistice, a reconstruction would have re-established trade the sooner, it would have thrown all its weight in favor of reconstruction.

It was a knowledge of this fact which induced England to refuse to enter the alliance on an armistice, for it is a settled policy of England to allow us to go to pieces, and that country will not engage itself in any alliance which may force it to become a party to a reconstruction of the Union. Moreover, the English Cabinet have no confidence in NAPOLEON, and hesitate a long while before signing any paper on which his name appears as a joint operator in the negotiation. Thus on the surface the English are playing the Jean role in the affair, while in reality their designs towards the United States are not so friendly as those of France, and it is quite probable that if France had proposed some measure less innocent than an armistice, England would have given it more serious consideration.

The French and English papers are giving the public the impression that France will not stop where she is in her efforts toward a pacification of the belligerents in the United States. I learn, on the contrary, that there is no thought for the present of pushing matters further, and that the Government will wait to see what turn affairs may take in the United States this Winter. One of the friendly papers, however, is much alarmed at the attitude of the French Government, and seems to think that the only salvation of the United States lies in the continued neutrality of England. And in this connection it exclaims: "Is it not strange that the sons of Lord NORTH and of CORNWALLIS should now be forced to stand between the American Republic and the nation which gave birth to LAFAYETTE and ROCHAMBEAU?"

I have every reason to believe, however, that such explanations have been sent by the French Government to Washington as will relieve our Government of any uneasiness as to the motives of the French Government in proposing an armistice, or as to their general sentiment toward the United States.

The papers in the interest of the French Government, and even the *Moniteur*, appear to deem it necessary to defend the Government from the affront it has received in the rejection of its propositions by England and Russia. Their principal argument is based upon the success of the Democrats in New-York, (news of which arrived two days ago,) for this party, according to these journals, will be willing to accept the armistice offered by France. The difficulty as to the question of opportunity raised by England and Russia is therefore done away with, and they see no reason why those two countries should not now come into the arrangement, and propose the armistice to the Americans.

It is of the first importance that the Democratic Party should know the odious *rôle* they are being made to play, and the absolute treason to which they are lending themselves—it is to be hoped incontinently. The *Patrie*, the paper which has thus far shown itself the best informed on the movements of the new Minister of Foreign Affairs, and which is probably his organ, says that "the party which has just succeeded in New-York (the Democrats) is the party to which the Emperor's armistice circular was addressed."

Thus, although the armistice circular was mostly or even wholly provoked by domestic exigencies, it would have been without a semblance of excuse, even to Frenchmen, if the conduct of the Democratic party in America had not been such as to invite this attempt at intervention. The Democratic party is therefore in part responsible for this attitude of the foreign Powers, and it owes it to itself and the country to call a public meeting to solemnly deny, in the face of Europe, the treason of which foreign nations suppose it to be guilty. Anything less than this will leave that party in a most disgraceful position on the page of history.

At home, where you understand the *reveries* of political life, and the secret motives of action of political parties, these changes produce but little effect on the public mind. But they are not so understood abroad, and at a time like the present, when all Europe is interested in American affairs, and watching the progress of events with breathless interest, you cannot say that you are independent of foreign opinion or sentiment in regard to you, nor can you afford to have foreign nations so thoroughly deceived as to the real state of parties and opinions. The foreign journals are filled with these false appreciations of American politics, and there seems to be no antidote to correct them.

The execution of ten prisoners in Missouri by a National officer has furnished another pretext to the secession journals on which to urge the armistice. The affair is painted in all colors, and is added to the category of BUTLER'S crimes as a sort of postscript to the death-knell of American civilization.

I ought to say in conclusion on the subject of the armistice proposition, that it is not popular with the intelligent part of the French people, and that they admit it to be Government manœuvre for interior purposes.

The English Cabinet, I am informed, are furious at the publication of the documents by the French Government, and pronounce it a shabby diplomatic trick. It is probable the two Governments will not again seek to come to an understanding on the American question.

Mr. SLIDELL has had but one interview with the Emperor, and that was on the 30th ultimo, the day on which the armistice proposition was dated.

Mlle. PATTI, of New-York, made her *début* before a French audience at the Italian Opera two evenings ago in the Somnambula, and had a reception which consecrates her as an artist of the first rank. MALAKOFF.

THE CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE EMPEROR.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE OPENING OF THE BOULEVARD PRINCE EUGENE—ITS POSTPONEMENT AND THE REASON—A PLOT REVEALED—ARRESTS—AN AMERICAN CAPTAIN SAVES THE EMPEROR.

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At one extremity of the Faubourg St. Antoine is the Place du Trône, a large circular square, so called from the fact that in 1660 the citizens of Paris erected here a throne upon which LOUIS XIV. and Marie Therese, of Austria, were seated, the 26th day of August, to receive the oath of fealty of the people. This square also figured conspicuously in the bloody scenes of the First Revolution. Its name was changed to the "Place du Trône Renversé," and as an appropriate inauguration, the guillotine erected here a gallows upon which LOUIS XVI. perished amid the atrocious crime of denouncing ROBESPIERRE as a tyrant.

In 1670, by order of LOUIS XIV., the foundations of an "Arc de Triomphe" were laid in this square, the plans were furnished by the celebrated PERRAULT, the author of the colonnade of the Louvre, and it was intended to surpass in point of magnificence all contemporary works. The project however, was shortly abandoned, and with the exception of two columns—the pride of the ancient Barriers—the square, until recently, has remained devoid of ornament. However, the present Emperor has for some time contemplated the erection here of a triumphal arch, commemorative of the exploits of the army in Italy, the Crimea, Algeria and China, and intended to be as well an enduring chronicle of his own glory. And as it seems to be a part of his ambition to eclipse all his predecessors in the construction of splendid public works, it was decided that white marble, which is as much a curiosity in Paris as gold in the "Southern Confederacy," should be employed in its construction. Obviously, a work involving such a vast expenditure of time, labor, money and bunkum, as well as the reputation of certain ambitious architects, should be attended with considerable circumspection both in its design and execution. Accordingly, it was pronounced essential to entire success, that a model should be executed in plaster and stone, as a prelude to the same, and which in conjunction with a splendid fountain, was intended also to subserve the end of lending greater *éclat* to the inauguration of a boulevard recently opened, and which connects with the Place du Trône. This street, although inferior in extent and beauty to any one of our New-York avenues, has, very unfortunately for the public purse, been named after the Prince EUGENE. For this reason it became in the royal estimation a sheer matter of necessity to signalize the event of its inauguration by a *fête*, the magnificence and cost of which should bewilder and stupify Paris itself. In the furtherance of this project, nearly a thousand masons, carpenters, sculptors, laborers, &c., commenced three months since the work of preparation. In their hands the Place du Trône underwent a wonderful transformation; all the old landmarks soon disappeared, and the square became by turns a quagmire, a sand-bank and a lumber yard. New streets were opened upon either side, a splendid colonnade soon swept in a circle about the place, a noble fountain sprang up as by magic in the centre, and a hundred busy hands were soon engaged upon the work of completing the "Arc de Triomph," which occupied the centre of the colonnade. A few days before the 15th, (the day designated for the inauguration,) all had been completed, the last statue had been adjusted in its proper niche, every vestige of scaffolding had disappeared; the fountain had been pronounced satisfactory, and in a condition to contribute largely to the interest of the occasion; all the arrangements for illuminations had been completed; eagles in all the glory of Dutch metal, and perched upon the omnipotent "N," greeted the eye in every direction; in short, every thing was in readiness for the reception of His Majesty. But, *tout à coup*, and upon the very eve of its accomplishment, the programme was changed. The *Moniteur* announced that the Emperor had never contemplated inaugurating the boulevard upon the 15th, while simultaneously the fountain was condemned and ordered to be rebuilt, thus ruthlessly sacrificing six young ladies in low-necked dresses, all in plaster, as well as eight most dignified lions, who were intrusted with the responsibility of propping up a perfect cyclops of a plaster image facetiously termed "Glory." There was something very suspicious as well as mysterious in this sudden postponement of the *fête*. Nobody believed while they asserted that the remodeling of the fountain was even remotely connected with the adjournment. Conjecture was baffled for a moment, while timid people in the vicinity were seized with a vague fear that it portended evil. Very naturally I shared in the general curiosity and after considerable investigation I learned the following facts. A few days before the 15th an individual presented himself to the Prefecture of Police, and made revelations which resulted in the postponement of the *fête* and the immediate arrest of one hundred and twenty persons charged with being connected in a conspiracy against the Government. The Place du Trône had beenchosen as the field of operations, numerous *bombs* were to be brought into requisition as the means of making quick work with the Emperor, and a grand demonstration was to follow this event for the purpose of precipitating the city into a revolution. Beyond these meagre details all is shrouded in mystery, the names of the conspirators and the source of the complot being equally unknown.

Whether the scheme originated with the avowedly hostile Democratic party of France or whether it be simply an attempt at revolution made by some discontented laborers, is equally a matter of speculation. It may be that the *ouvriers* are not the culpable parties, but that, encouraged by their murmurs of dissatisfaction at the enormous expense attendant upon an unimportant *fête*, and which they assert might better be employed in constructing houses for them, a *political clique*, possibly the authors of the opera-house episode in 1857, have again essayed to subvert the Government, with the cooperation of the *ouvriers* the assistance of whom would be indispensable to the consummation of their plans. This theory would partially accord with the assertions of those who believe in the unqualified loyalty of the French people. Whether it be correct or not, time must demonstrate. G. W. A.

P. S.—As I was about to mail this letter I learned the following additional intelligence: The individual to whom the Government is indebted for detecting and revealing the conspirators is an American captain. A vessel had been freighted at Plymouth with bombs encased in zinc, which was destined for Calais, and eventually to be dropped into the Place du Trône, a large circular square, so called from the fact that in 1660 the citizens of Paris erected here a throne upon which LOUIS XIV. and MARIE THERESE, of Austria, were seated, the 26th day of August, to receive the oath of fealty of the people. This square also figured conspicuously in the bloody scenes of the First Revolution. Its name was changed to the "Place du Trône Renversé," and as an appropriate inauguration, the guillotine erected here a gallows upon which LOUIS XVI. perished amid the atrocious crime of denouncing ROBESPIERRE as a tyrant.

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AMERICAN AFFAIRS IN ENGLAND.

THE DEPREDATIONS OF BRITISH UPON AMERICAN SHIPPING.

The Liverpool Post has the following:

"In reference to the steamer No. 290, (as she is known in the dockyard,) which is said to have been built as a cruiser for the Confederates, she has been built by Messrs. Laird for Jones, Bailey & Co., for river purposes in China, and is registered in the name. Messrs. Laird's vessels are constructed to order, and are laid out and entered in their books during construction under the said number, whence this is so. She is called the *Sylphide*, and is a saddle steamer of 140 tons. She will leave the Mersey in a day or two for China."

The London Times replies to the complaints of Mr. SEWARD in regard to the *Alabama*, and contends that he has no ground of complaint against England, and that Capt. SEMMES is no more a pirate than Gen. JACKSON is a traitor, and that the *Alabama* is doing no more than what the Northerners are doing every day themselves. The article concludes as follows:

"As to our own part in the affair, that has been very briefly dispatched. Strictly speaking, we should not, as neutrals, knowingly supply either belligerent with munitions of war; and in such cases private neutral merchants usually dust their eyes in the destination of cargoes, and act on questions of consignees who come with money in their hands. If the act of the Government were involved, it would, we have no doubt, be given to prevent such equivocations as that of the *Alabama*, but how could Mr. Adams interfere to prevent consignments which his employers were making every day?

The Americans, always stickers for neutral privileges, did exactly as we have done during the Crimean war, and President PIERCE was of the opinion of asserting their full right to do so, in one of his Messages to Congress. He plainly said that the Americans sold munitions of war to all buyers, without troubling themselves about the ports to which the goods would be consigned, or the purposes to which they would be put. This, and no more, is what we have done ourselves. We have served the Federals and we have served the Confederates, each customer regarding to his wants. The Federals wanted vessels to equip an army. The Confederates wanted a ship to begin a navy. We sold the steamers as we sold the rifles, and precisely as the Americans sold ships to the Russians in the war of 1856. For that matter, indeed, there was much less mystery made about the *Grand Admiral* than there was about the *Alabama*. The *Alabama* was sent from a "friendly shore," no doubt; but from the same "friendly shores" were sent those countless cargoes of cannon, muskets, rifles, and gunpowder, which decimated the Federal army to keep the field. If we violated "international law" in one case, we violated it in the other; but the Washington Government will find it hard to impeach as a crime what is simply a repetition of its own deliberate proceedings, or to indict as indicating an unfriendly policy, a system from which they themselves have taken notoriously the greatest advantage."

The *Morning Post* replies to the complaints in a precisely similar strain, and affirms that nothing has been done in England for either party but what Englishmen as neutrals had a full right to do. The article winds up as follows:

"The absurdity of the resolutions of the New-York Chamber of Commerce and the intemperate tone of Mr. SEWARD'S observations thereon, are, however, redeemed by the kindheartedness of some suggestions thrown out in New-York that contributions in cargoes of grain should be made for the relief of the distress in Lancashire. Those suggestions may not be carried into effect, but England will not forget that amongst the population of the Northern States were found those, (and we believe they are many,) who, though themselves weighed down with no mean burdens, could still extend a helping hand to their distressed kindred on this side of the Atlantic."

MR. W. E. FORSTER, M. P., ON INTERVENTION.

From the Manchester Guardian, Nov. 22.

Last evening Mr. W. E. FORSTER, M. P., addressed a crowded meeting of his constituents in St. George's Hall, Bradford. Mr. Alderman BROWN occupied the Chair, and introduced the honorable gentleman. Mr. FORSTER, who was received with hearty cheers, said he would not give the history of the past session, but take counsel with his constituents on the present state of home and foreign politics. With regard to himself, he had judged each question upon its own merits, independently of its effect upon parties, and he hoped that his constituents would not take offence at his having voted sometimes contrary to their opinions. But politics were not in a healthy state when a man who wished to do what was right could take an independent course. He did not approve of the ministerial policy in foreign affairs, about which the country just now heard a great deal more than it did about reform. In this respect he had more confidence in RUSSELL and PALMERSTON than in DISRAELI and DERBY. [Hear, hear.] The Ministry had consistently carried out the principle of non-intervention, while Mr. DISRAELI had found excuses for the French occupation of Rome, the leading members of his party and the Tory Press had urged intervention in American affairs. His duty, as a member of the House of Commons, was, he considered, to support Lord RUSSELL when he upheld the principle of non-intervention, and protested in the councils of Europe—which was every day becoming more and more a vast commonwealth—against the Emperor of the French, by his soldiers, compelling the Romans to submit to a Government of which they did not approve. [Applause.] The contrast between Italy and America was not—in the former liberty was impelling to union, in the latter country Slavery had driven the people to disunion. He thanked the Government for keeping us clear of the American imbroglio, and would support them in their continuance of the same policy. [Applause.] The abstinence of the Government from interference had not been an easy matter, against the ingenious efforts of a party in the House of Commons to involve us in that war. There had been attempts to force us to a premature recognition of the Confederate States, which would have been a breach of international law, and therefore by opposed there. The next attempt was to induce us by break of the blockade, on the contradictory grounds that it was therefore right and that it was so efficient as to be causing great distress. He had not studied the question of blockades sufficiently to commit himself, yet it appeared to him that there was much truth in what Mr. CANNING had said on the subject. [Applause.] It would have been a great breach of international law for England to have broken the blockade. The next attempt was Mr. EVERETT'S motion to offer mediation, which sounded very plausible, but concealed a trap, which America would certainly have resented. The next was the French overture of joint mediation. But we had no reason to suppose that exhortation and entreaty would be of any avail. If they were of any avail, the public opinion of Europe would have stopped the war long since. But the French offer was intended to go further, and to insist on the cessation of hostilities. The argument was, that we must forget abstract principles in the practical good that would be achieved for the Americans and ourselves. Such an argument was fallacious, because it was by no means certain that such an interference would not involve us in war with the United States, (which would be the most costly and extravagant mode of relieving our present distress,) because it would raise the warlike zeal of the Northerners until it equaled that of the Southerners, which it did not at present, and because he thought it was undesirable that our foreign policy should be inextricably involved in the wishes and plans of Louis NAPOLEON. Before considering whether they would like the responsibility of forcing an end to the war, they must ask why the men of Lancashire were suffering. It was because certain men in the United States had rebelled rather than relinquish their determination to spread Slavery over the vast territories of the United States. Whatever might have been his hearers' opinion as to whether the Northern States should have let the rebels or seceders go, there could be no doubt that every Government would, from a mere feeling of government, have done all that the United States Government had done. Assuming such a case, (these hands, assuming such a case, for would be counsel his adherence of Gen. BURNEY's Hymn. But it was evident that, considering the feeling which existed in England against Slavery, every man of inter-vention had been in favor of the secession. [Hear, hear.] Nevertheless, the Government of Lancashire would, in an insurrection which seemed to be in progress, have acted in the same way as the Government of the United States had done. There were two ways by which peace might be obtained. The Northern States might let the Southern seceders go; they might have a conference, with Slavery conceded as a fact; some of these courses would bring permanent peace to that vast country or greatness to her industry, neither could be meant in the doubtful expression of Mr. GLADSTONE when he said that to recognize the South as a distinct people would mean the abolition of Slavery. It certainly, he referred to the cotton in Lancashire. If it should be found necessary he would gladly vote a portion of the public money for the support of the best means of meeting the distress in the first consideration of Parliament. The result of the crisis might be to make them greater in power and wealth; but, if the principles hitherto acted upon were maintained, they would come out of the difficulty richer in everything that could elevate them as a people. (Applause.) A vote of thanks to Mr. FORSTER, for his conduct in Parliament, and for his speech, was passed with acclamation, and the meeting separated.

ENLISTMENTS FOR AMERICA IN ENGLAND.

From the Boston Bulletin.

Lecturers and others are going about the country, and one of the inducements they employ to engage the peasantry is to allege that the minister they have settled with the Southern rebels, the American Government will now open Canada to her purchases and free Ireland. We know the Irish fool is being held before the eyes of our countrymen. It is that, if a possible war between the Northern States and England. Well, let such a war come, and then the Irish people will know what to say to it. When the Trent difficulty seemed likely to lead to a rupture, their sentiments were very plainly expressed. Let us hope such an unnatural war may arise out of these Irish recruits, and that it will be coming up from day to day while the contest between North and South continues. When we see the plank of an American ship destroyed by guns that speak from under the shadow of the Union Jack, then a duty will be placed upon the people of Ireland which we trust they will be able to discharge. But the chance of such an event will not be improved by an emigration of Irishmen to slay the people of the Southern Confederacy. The duel of gallant Irish hearts will be making the grass grow in Virginia, while Irishmen opportunely may come from another quarter, and find Ireland too weak to avail of it. We protest against any enlistment in the service for either of the Americas, or for the Americas to out of her with every foreigner that is also a foe to Ireland; and we warn our countrymen, by their love of Ireland and their love of honor, against giving any countenance or support to the recruiting agents who are now going about this country.

The Russian Note on Mediation.

The following is the full text of the Russian reply to the French proposal of mediation in America:

DISPATCH OF PRINCE GORTCHAKOFF TO M. D'OUBRIL, CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES AT PARIS.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 8, 1862.

SIR: I transmit to you herewith a copy of a dispatch of M. DROUYN DE L'HUYS, which the Duke of MONTEBELLO was desired to communicate to us. It relates to the affairs of North America, and has for its end to invite us to an understanding with France and England, in order to profit by the present weariness of parties by proposing to commence a suspension of hostilities. In reply to this overture, I have reminded the Ambassador of France of the solicitude which our august master has ever evinced on devote to the American conflict, since the moment when it broke out—a solicitude inspired by the amicable relations existing between the two countries, and to which the Imperial Cabinet has given public proof. I have assured him that nothing would be more agreeable to our wishes than to be able to accelerate the termination of a strife which we deplore, and that for that purpose our Minister at Washington has orders to seize all favorable occasions for recommending moderation and conciliation, in order to appease conflicting passions, and bring the interests at stake to a wise settlement. I have acknowledged that these counsels would be of so much the greater value if they were given simultaneously in the name of Europe, for the great Powers who are interested in the issue of this struggle. But I have added that, in our judgment, it was necessary, above all, to avoid the appearance of any pressure of a nature to wound public sentiment in the United States, and to excite sensibilities very ready to be aroused at the bare idea of foreign intervention. Now, according to the information we possess up to this time, we are led to believe that a combined movement on the part of France, England and Russia, however conciliatory it might be, and with whatever precaution it might be surrounded, if it presented itself under an official and collective character, would be liable to issue in a result opposed to that pacification which is the object of the three Courts. We have concluded that if the French Government persist in taking a formal and collective step opportune, and if the Cabinet of London shares this opinion, it would be impossible for us, at the distance at which we are placed, to anticipate the reception which such a proceeding would naturally meet with. But if in this case our Minister does not participate officially, his moral support is not the less assured beforehand to every attempt at conciliation. In sending this to his colleagues of France and England, under the official form which he will believe is the fittest to avert the strange of a misconstruction, M. DE FRECHEN will but confirm the attitude and language which, by the orders of our august master, he has not ceased to maintain since the commencement of the American difference. It is in this sense that I request you to express yourself to the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, in reply to the communication which he has sent us. Receive, Sir, &c.,

GORTCHAKOFF.

Another Letter from Garibaldi.

WM. CORNELL JEWETT, of Colorado Territory, having written to GARIBALDI, urging the expediency of international arbitration in America, had received the following reply:

PISA, Thursday, Nov. 13, 1862.

SIR: I am desired by Gen. GARIBALDI to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, which he would have answered himself but for the state of his health.

Gen. GARIBALDI always takes the deepest interest in the American question. Nothing could please him more than the abolition of Slavery. He considers it as being at once a curse and a disgrace to a free people. Abolition, according to him, ought to be unconditional. For him, (and those who think under his flag, human rights are indeterminate quantities.) Humanity must come first; political interests, subordinate quantities, afterwards.

As to the Roman question, GARIBALDI maintains that Rome is ours, and that it must be given to us, let the French Emperor like it or not.

With Gen. GARIBALDI'S kind compliments, believe me, yours, very obedient,

CLEMENTE CORTI.

WM. CORNELL JEWETT, Esq.

OPERATIONS IN WESTERN VIRGINIA.

The Recent Expedition to Greenbrier County.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Dec. 5.

The following has been received at the headquarters of the army:

CAMP SCHENCK, VA., Nov. 28, 1862.

Brig.-Gen. Cook, Commanding Kanawha Division:

SIR: I herewith submit a report of my expedition into Greenbrier County.

On the 6th inst., proceeding agreeable to order, I succeeded three miles beyond Gauley River; on the morning I marched all day without interruption, but learned that Gen. JENKINS, with 2,500 men, in addition to Col. DUNN'S force, occupied the country before me, stationed as follows: Col. DUNN'S command between Lewisburgh and Frankfort; the Fourteenth Regular Virginia Cavalry at Williamsburgh; one regiment of cavalry at Meadow Bluff, pasturing horses, with a battalion of 400 cavalry on the Wilderness Road as a guard; a small force at White Sulphur; and Gen. JENKINS with the remainder of his command on Muddy Creek, eight miles from Lewisburgh.

I, however, pushed forward until within three miles of Williamsburgh, where I came upon a wagon-train belonging to Gen. JENKINS' command. They were encamped for the night, intending to load with wheat the following day. I surrounded and captured the whole, consisting of prisoners and property, as follows: Nine prisoners, named J. L. Byrne, Captain and Acting Assistant Commissary; William L. Byrne, Wagon-Master; two wagoners, formerly slaves; three wagoners, citizens; two negro wagoners, and two citizens, who were present, and interested in the grain.

The property taken is as follows: 76 infantry equipments, and 24 sets of harness. After cutting the tires and destroying the wagons, and the grain in the building, it was stored in, if not out on my return, meeting Capt. Byrne with his escort, on Cherry River, ten miles from Gauley River Ford.

I arrived in this camp with the above prisoners at 6 o'clock P. M., on the 11th inst. I found the roads very bad, impassable for wagons. Grain was very scarce. I would remark that the data for my report were gained.

The grain destroyed was about 300 bushels of wheat.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

G. W. GILMORE,

Capt. Commanding Kanawha Dragoons.

P. S.—One of the citizens taken, Thomas C. Byrne, has between three the ears, and is not man who brought the wheat. G. W. G.

THE BATTLE OF KANE HILL, ARK.

ANOTHER REPORT FROM GEN. BLUNT.

Two Pieces of Artillery Captured—Quantrill's Band in the Fight.

HEADQUARTERS FIRST DIVISION, ARMY OF THE FRONTIER, CAMP HILL, Sunday, Nov. 30, 1862.

Gen. MARMADUKE continued his flight all night after the battle of the 28th inst., and is now in Van Buren, Arkansas. Gen. HINDMAN was expected to reinforce him at this place on the evening of that day. Prisoners, of whom I captured twenty-five, state that MARMADUKE'S force was 11,000. They were compelled to abandon two pieces of artillery disabled by my batteries. A number of their officers are killed, among them a Lieut.-Col. Monroe, of a Texas regiment, and a Capt. Monroe, of an Arkansas regiment. The notorious QUANTRILL and his band were engaged in the fight, with Col. SCHOFIELD and Major McPHERSON commanding the rear guard in the retreat across the Boston Mountains. They fought desperately. Some of QUANTRILL'S men were killed and others taken prisoners. My loss is killed in fire, and four more were mortally wounded—one of whom, Lieut.-Col. Jennison, Sixth Kansas, has since died. Lieut. Carpenter, Kansas Sixth, was taken prisoner.

The loss of the enemy in killed was about seventy-five. They carried most of their wounded off the field, and bury them in houses on the right and left of the road and below it.

All regret the death of Lieut.-Col. Jennison, he was a brave and gallant officer.

Two companies have arrived to-day from Van Buren, who state that HINDMAN, with 15,000 infantry, crossed the Arkansas River from the South on Tuesday last, for the purpose of moving up in rear of Marmaduke, but that they have now all returned to their hold.

My transportation has just come up. I occupy the same position occupied by MARMADUKE when I attacked him, and intend holding it.

Respectfully,

JAMES G. BLUNT, Brig.-General.

EARLY HISTORY OF THE REBELLION.

Another Letter from Lieut.-Gen. Scott.

To the Editors of the National Intelligencer:

An official report of mine, made to President LINCOLN, March 29, 1861, on our Southern affairs, was published on the 21st of October last. To this Ex-President BUCHANAN replied at great length in the same month. A short rejoinder from me followed early in November, and here is another paper from Mr. BUCHANAN, dated the 17th of the same month, and on the same subject. A brief notice of this paper shall terminate my part in this controversy.

Mr. BUCHANAN has intimated that I have been actuated by a feeling of personal ill-will toward him. This is unjust. I had no private resentment to gratify. On the contrary, I have well remembered the many official courtesies received from him as well as from Mr. FLOYD, both as Governor of Virginia and Secretary of War; but to vindicate justice and the truth of history is a paramount obligation.

I had said that, with a view to the meditated rebellion, Secretary FLOYD had ordered 115,000 entire stands of muskets and rifles from Northern depositories to Southern arsenals. To this Mr. B. now replies in substance—1. That the transfers were made under an order dated nearly a year before Mr. LINCOLN'S election to the Presidency. True, but if Mr. B. has persuaded himself that the event had not long before been planned, (independent of the election of any Northern man,) it is not likely that he will ever be a second convert in that opinion. 2. He only gives 105,000 as the number of arms transferred, omitting the 10,000 rifles. 3. He says that the muskets (105,000) were condemned, and that purchasers could not be found for many of them at 50 cents each. Now, here is an official statement, made since, showing that 50,000 of these arms were "percussion muskets," probably entirely new, and 40,000 others, thus: "percussion muskets altered to percussion," with 15,000 "percussion rifles"—not one of the 115,000 was over a dollar and a half, but all presently in use, not the small-arms issued in the country (impossible, on my part) in 1861. 4. Mr. BUCHANAN further intimates that these arms were transferred to enemies, in some degree, the deposits among the 42 Slave States, as if there had any State pride in allowing storage to the property of the United States within their particular limits. If so, why not consider storage places in the great States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, within which the United States has had no deposit of arms and no arsenal? 5. Mr. B. cannot see to have been "treason" in my intercourse with the rebel leaders. In my rejoinder to him, I now have the last term, because I knew the transaction, though very quietly conducted, was officially reported, and the freight paid for by the United States, whose property the arms remained to be in their new depositories.

Mr. BUCHANAN mixes up—perhaps I ought rather to say *seems to confound*—quite a different class of arms with the foregoing, viz.: the quotas of arms distributed among the several States under the annual appropriations toward arming the whole body of the militia of the Union. Thus he says: "The South-ern States received in 1860 less instead of more than the quota of arms to which they were entitled by law." This is most strange, contrary to information given to me, last year, and with a telegram just received from Washington and a high officer of the Ordnance Bureau—in these words and figures:

"Rhode Island, Delaware, and Texas had not drawn at the end of eighteen sixty (1860) their annual quotas of arms for that year, and Massachusetts, Tennessee, and Kentucky only in part; Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Kansas were, by order of the Secretary of War, supplied with their quotas for eighteen sixty-one (1861) in advance, and Pennsylvania and Maryland in part."

This absence of arms in eight Southern States is a suf

THE NATIONAL FINANCES.

Report of the Secretary of the Treasury.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Dec. 4, 1862.

SIR: In obedience to the act which requires the Secretary of the Treasury to prepare and lay before Congress, at the commencement of every session, a report on the subject of finance, embracing estimates of expenditures and plans of revenue, he submits, respectfully, the following views and statements:

The unsettling one of the most startling revolutions which ever marked the beginning of the present Administration, gave rise to the employment of all necessary means for the preservation of the territorial integrity of the Republic, and for the maintenance of the constitutional supremacy of the whole people, through their National Government, over every State and every citizen. To authorize and prescribe the employment of these means was the peculiar province of Congress; to call forth and direct the armed force which might be authorized, belonged to the President, and under him, to the Departments of War and of the Navy; while to provide the means to meet authorized expenditures in its employment devolved, under the legislation of Congress and the direction of the President, on the Secretary of the Treasury.

Varying exigencies have required adapted measures and necessitated unanticipated expenditures. Estimates, correct when made, have been rendered inaccurate by changed circumstances. Such conditions always attend war, whether external or civil, and we could not hope to escape them.

It is not, therefore, matter of surprise that the estimates submitted in July, 1861, for the year ending on the 30th of June, 1862, were exceeded by the actual expenditures, or that those submitted in December, for the year which will end on the 30th of June, 1863, will probably be, in like manner, exceeded.

The estimates of the Secretary must, necessarily, be derived chiefly from information furnished by other heads of departments; and this information, adjusted to existing and probable circumstances, cannot possibly anticipate all the vicissitudes of war or of legislation. Thus, the estimates for the last fiscal year, submitted at the July session of 1861, were based on estimates of the War Department for an army, including regulars and volunteers, of three hundred thousand men; and from the Navy Department, for a naval force quite considerable in comparison with that afterwards found to be indispensable. Congress, thinking the proposed military force inadequate, provided for a volunteer army of five hundred thousand men, besides regular troops and special corps, numbering, together, over fifty thousand, and also for considerable additions to various corps, and a large increase of pay and rations. The estimates of July required, of course, correction in December.

So, also, the estimates for the current fiscal year, submitted at the last session, were framed in substantial accordance with information furnished by the several departments. The necessities of the war, however, rendered it expedient, in the judgment of the Executive and of Congress, to call for three hundred thousand men in addition to those. The estimates, of course, must again prove inadequate.

The increase of the army, however, did not greatly affect disbursements between the date of the December report and the close of the then current fiscal year. The increase of debt, therefore, did not exceed the December estimate. On the contrary, while the estimate anticipated a public debt on the 30th of June, 1862, of $517,872,892 93, its actual amount on that day was $514,211,371 92. This amount, of course, does not include unascertained claims, but only that debt, the evidences of which exist in the treasury, upon the books, or in the form of requisitions in favor of creditors, or of disbursing officers. It is not probable, however, that at the date named, these claims much, if at all, exceeded the balance in the treasury namely, $13,043,546 81.

But while the public debt on the 1st of July, 1862, did not reach the amount anticipated by the estimates, there is no room for the pleasing hope that the results of the current fiscal year or the next will exhibit a similar proportion. On the contrary, the estimate of the public debt on the 1st of July, 1863, heretofore submitted, must now be advanced, in view of the unexpected increase of expenditures, authorized and incurred or likely to be incurred, to $1,122,267,462 34; and on the supposition that the war may be continued with undiminished disbursements until the 1st of July, 1864, the debt likely to have been then incurred must be estimated at $1,744,685,586 50.

It has been the care of the Secretary to reduce the cost of the debt, in the form of interest, to the lowest possible amount, and it is a source of real satisfaction to him that he has been able, thus far, to confine it within very moderate limits. The first loans, being of a magnitude hitherto undreamed of in our market, were necessarily made at an interest which he regarded as high, though lenders strenuously insisted on higher; but large amounts are now obtained at five and four per cent, while the circulation of United States notes constitutes practically a loan from the people to their Government without interest. The average rate on the whole loan is thus reduced to 4 3-5 per cent. Whether a similar result may attend future loans must be determined partly by the legislation of Congress, partly by the conduct of the war, and partly by the condition of the markets for money.

The statements of the actual and estimated receipts and expenditures for the last and the current fiscal year, in comparison with those of the December report, must undergo modifications similar to those of the public debt. Both receipts and expenditures for the current and the following year will be increased: the former by the operations of the augmented tariff and of the internal revenue, and the latter by the exigencies of the war.

The aggregate receipts for the fiscal year 1862, from all sources, including the balance of $2,267,686 93 in the Treasury from the preceding year, were $563,365,247 66; and the aggregate expenditures $570,641,700 28, leaving a balance in the Treasury on the 1st day of July, 1862, of $13,043,546 81. From the receipts and from the expenditures should be deducted the amounts both received and disbursed within the year on account of government and temporary debt, amounting to $90,096,922 09, leaving the total of receipts not applied in payment of debt $467,768,325 57, and the total of current disbursements, $474,744,779 16. As the amount of debt, so also the amount of the expenditures for the last year falls short of the estimates.

The actual receipts for the first quarter of the fiscal year 1863, commencing July 1, 1862, appear from the books of the Treasury; the receipts for the three remaining quarters can only be estimated, on the basis of appropriations made and asked for by the several Departments. They have been and are estimated as follows:

For the first quarter the actual receipts from customs, internal duties, direct tax, lands, and all other sources, excluding loans, and including the balance, from last year, of $13,043,546 81, were	$57,209,820 08
For the second, third and fourth quarters the estimated receipts from all sources are	149,280,616 56
Making the total of actual and estimated receipts from ordinary sources and from the direct tax, during the year 1863	180,495,345 60
To this sum must be added	
Loans already realized from loans in all forms	
Loans which accrued during the first quarter, to an	134,466,821 49
Loans during the months of October and November, and estimating for some of the last days of November, to	85,670,895 09
Making an amount already obtained from loans to the 1st of December, and applied in payment of current expenditure and principal and interest of public debt, of	200,139,717 01
And there must be added, also, the amount which will probably be hereafter realized from loans in all forms, under existing laws, namely	121,021,197 35
Making the total of receipts, actual and anticipated, under existing laws	$511,646,259 98

On the other hand:

For the first quarter of the fiscal year 1863 the actual expenditures were	$113,084,143 40
For the second, third and fourth quarters the actual and estimated expenditures, under existing appropriations, including interest on public debt, are	[illegible]
And additional expenditures will be required for the payment of principal of public debt, and for the payment of the most estimated deficiencies to the amount of	[illegible]
Making the aggregate of expenditures pended or authorized	$[illegible]
To which must be added the estimate for payment of principal of public debt during the year, of	98,212,456 14
Making an aggregate, for all purposes, of	$[illegible]

It is necessary to observe, however, that in the present state of the law the estimates of the Departments always largely exceed expenditures. The law forbids the transfer of any part of an appropriation for one object or class of objects to another. Consequently, when any appropriation happens to be exhausted, expenditures for the objects of it, however important, must be arrested until a further appropriation can be had. Such an occurrence, during the recess of Congress, might occasion great public inconvenience and injury. Hence it has become usual to make every estimate large enough to cover all possible requirements under it till a session of Congress shall afford an opportunity of providing for any deficiencies which may thereafter occur. Hence, there is always a large balance of unexpended appropriations at the end of every fiscal year, which, after two years from the making of them, are carried to the credit of what is called the surplus fund.

It may be safely estimated, therefore, that of the appropriations made and asked for, there will remain unexpended on the 30th June, 1863, and be carried to the surplus fund, the sum of [illegible]

The deduction of this sum will leave as the true estimate of expenditures for the year	[illegible]
But it is already certain that there will be some items from which the Treasury will not realize the full amount estimated, namely: [illegible]	
Making these items amount to	[illegible]
Making the aggregate of receipts from all sources, including the loans already authorized, to	[illegible]
To which must be added the balance in the Treasury at the commencement of the year	[illegible]
Making an aggregate of realized and anticipated resources, to be deducted from the sum of actual and anticipated expenditures for all purposes, of	[illegible]
And leaving yet to be provided for the current year by the action of Congress	276,912,517 66

The estimates for the fiscal year 1864, commencing on the 1st day of July next, and ending on the 30th day of June, 1865, must, in the present circumstances of the country, be in great part, conjectural. The estimates of expenditures have been framed by the several departments on the supposition of the continuance of the war—a supposition which, though very properly assumed as the basis of estimates intended to cover all contingencies, is not, it may be confidently hoped, destined to be realized. The estimates of receipts are based upon the operations of recently enacted laws, the working of which cannot be accurately foreseen.

The estimates of expenditures are as follows:

For the civil list, including foreign intercourse and miscellaneous expenses, other than on account of the public debt	$25,081,510 66
For the Interior Department, Indians, and Pensions	10,240,077 01
For the War Department	726,699,146 50
For the Navy Department	62,937,355 01
For interest on public debt	33,518,020 50
For principal of public debt	19,564,024 16
Total	$878,412,133 56
To which sum should be added the expenditures for which appropriations made are estimated as remaining undrawn on the 1st July, 1863	200,000,000 00
Making the aggregate of expenditures for the 1st July, 1864, for which appropriations are made or asked	$1,095,413,133 56
From which should be deducted the probable amount of appropriations which will remain undrawn on the 1st of July, 1864	$250,000,000 00
Making the true amount of probable expenditures during the fiscal year 1864	845,413,133 56

The estimates of receipts are as follows:

From customs	80,000,000
From internal duties	150,000,000
From lands	25,000
From miscellaneous sources	1,000,000
Making the aggregate of receipts for the fiscal year 1864 to be deducted from the aggregate of expenditures	231,025,000 00
And leaving the amount of expenditures of the fiscal year 1864 to be provided for	622,388,133 56

The whole amount to be provided by Congress, beyond resources available under existing laws, may, therefore, upon the supposition of the continuance of the war, be stated as follows:	
For the fiscal year 1863	276,912,517 66
For the fiscal year 1864	622,388,133 56
Making an aggregate of	899,300,701 22

A tabular statement is submitted with this report, and as part of it, exhibiting clearly the details of the receipts and expenditures of the financial years 1862, 1863 and 1864.

Another table is also submitted, in which may be seen of what particulars the existing debt consists, in what years it was contracted, and when and in what amounts it will become due.

The other tables required by law also accompany this report.

In order to the formation of sound opinions as to the measures required for meeting the demands disclosed by the estimates, and yet unprovided for, it may be useful to review, briefly, in connection with their actual and probable results, the measures already recommended and adopted, or yet under legislative consideration.

With a view to the necessary provision for the expenditures then anticipated, the Secretary proposed to Congress, at its last session, such measures as seemed to him best adapted to the attainment of that object. These were (1st) an increase of duties on various imports; (2d) an increase of the direct tax; (3d) the levying of internal duties; (4th) a limited emission of United States notes, convertible into coin; (5th) the negotiation of loans, facilitated by the organization of banking associations, whose circulation should consist only of notes uniform in character, furnished by the Government, and secured, as to convertibility into coin, by United States bonds deposited in the Treasury.

At the time these recommendations were submitted, the banks had not suspended specie payments, and there was reason to believe that economized expenditure and decisive military action would secure the means required for the suppression of the rebellion without serious sacrifices on the part of the Government, and without resort to any other currency than that of coin and equivalent notes.

Unexpected military delays, however, increased expenditures, diminished confidence in public securities, and made it impossible for the banks and capitalists, who had taken the previous loans, to dispose of the bonds held by them except at ruinous loss, and impossible for the Government to negotiate new loans of coin, except at like or greater loss.

These conditions made a suspension of specie payments inevitable. The banks of New-York suspended on the 30th of December, 1861. Their example was followed by most of the banks throughout the country, and the Government yielded to the same necessity in respect to the United States notes then in circulation.

These changed circumstances required a change of measures. The expenditures had already reached an average of nearly a million and a quarter of dollars each secular day, while the revenue from all sources hardly exceeded one-tenth of that sum. It was necessary, therefore, to raise by loans in some form about thirty millions a month, or sixty millions every sixty days.

Careful inquiries satisfied the Secretary that the first $60,000,000 could not be had in coin, at better rates than a dollar in bonds for eighty cents in money; and that each succeeding loan would involve submission to increasingly disadvantageous terms. To obtain the first $60,000,000 would require, therefore, an issue of bonds to the amount of $75,000,000, and, of course, an increase of the public debt by the same sum; the next $60,000,000 would require, perhaps, $90,000,000 in bonds and debt; and the next $60,000,000, if obtainable at all, would require, perhaps, $150,000,000. It was easy to see that on this road utter discredit and paralysis would soon be reached. The adoption of a plan of finance involving such consequences was not compatible with the Secretary's ideas of public duty.

There remained but one other possible way of raising money by the negotiation of bonds in the usual mode. That way was, to receive in payment of loans the notes or credits of the banks in suspension.

To ascertain what would have been the consequences of a resort to this expedient, it is necessary to remember that the Bank circulation of the loyal States amounted, on the 1st day of January, 1861, to $150,000,000; that it had been recently increased to $[illegible] in anticipation of a war loan of $[illegible] in January, 1862; and that this circulation was diffused throughout the country, in all the channels of business. In these circumstances the attempt to negotiate loans of sufficient amounts to meet the demands upon the Treasury in coin for prompt payments would be extremely difficult. The negotiation of such loans to the extent required by the public exigencies, would create a demand for the notes which would involve the necessity, at first, of securing not specie in return to those who tendered our coin loans, but the current legal tender notes which became convertible at pleasure into specie at a premium varying with the fluctuations of the market rates. It would be because the Government demanded and obtained the making and issuing of bank notes to an extent far beyond the ordinary needs of business. The increase of circulation thus stimulated would be unlimited, except by the possibility of obtaining loans on terms of it; or, in other words, by the possibility of obtaining credit for it with the community and the Government. This limit, certain to be finally reached by all banks imprudently managed, could not, however, be reached immediately, or at the same time by all institutions, or by the same rate of progress in all parts of the country. But an excessive circulation would surely be thrust upon the community, forming a currency, everywhere, but strongly depreciated, destined in part to become worthless, and sustain as tax and decrease, in proportion as it remained in circulation, the business of the people, and to embarrass, if not arrest, the operations of the Government. Loans negotiated in this circulation would be simply exchanges of the debts of the nation bearing interest and certain to be paid, for the debts of a multitude of corporations, bearing no interest, and certain, in part, never to be paid.

This is but a partial representation of the consequences apprehended from the receipt of bank notes for loans to the Government. Their character made it impossible for the Secretary to recommend such negotiations, and wholly improbable that Congress would authorize them, if recommended.

No other mode of providing, with any tolerable degree of promptitude, for the wants of the army and navy, and the necessities of other branches of the public service, seemed likely to effect the object with so little public inconvenience and so considerable public advantage as the issue of United States notes adapted to circulation as money, and available, therefore, immediately in Government payments.

It was not necessary that the Secretary should recommend this plan to Congress. In his report at the commencement of the session he had pointed out the inconveniences and dangers of a circulation of Government notes, even though convertible into specie, and had dwelt especially on the probability that such a circulation would ultimately sink into an irredeemable paper currency. At that time he expected a continuance of specie payments, and hoped that a banking system would be authorized which would at once furnish a sound circulating medium and afford a firm support to the public credit. Neither the expectation nor the hope, however, had been realized; and a choice was now to be made between a currency furnished by numerous and unconnected banks in various States and a currency furnished by the Government which the Government could and would, except in a very improbable, not to say impossible, contingency, amply provide for and protect. With these alternatives before him, the Secretary had already declared his unhesitating preference for a circulation authorized and issued by national authority. But the enlightened Senators and Representatives who composed the financial committees of the respective Houses required no new statement of his views on this subject. They saw clearly the necessities created by the suspension, and at once adopted the measure demanded by them. The Secretary, concurring entirely in their judgment, had no duty to perform, except that of giving such information and such aid as they called for and he could supply.

An emission of $50,000,000 had been authorized by Congress at the July session, 1861, not with the design of furnishing a general currency, but for the purpose of making good any differences between the amounts obtained by loans and the sums required by the public service. Of these notes $53,160,000 were in circulation at the time of the suspension. Up to that date every note presented for payment had been promptly redeemed in coin. After the suspension an additional emission of $10,000,000 was authorized on the 12th of last February. Both these issues, amounting together to $60,000,000, were made receivable for all public dues, including customs.

It now became the duty of Congress, not merely to provide the means of meeting the vast demands on the Treasury, but to create a currency with which—until the close of the war at least—loans and taxes might be paid to the Government, debts to individuals discharged, and the business of the country transacted. Nothing less would satisfy the need of the time.

This duty Congress partially performed by authorizing an emission of $90,000,000 in United States notes, in addition to the $60,000,000 previously authorized, making $150,000,000 in all. The $90,000,000 last issued were made receivable for all national loans and dues, except customs, payment of which was required in specie or notes of the two first issues.

At a later period of the session, in view of the withdrawal of the sixty millions receivable for duties from circulation, and of the expediency of providing a permanent resource for meeting all demands upon temporary deposits in the Treasury, Congress authorized a further issue of $150,000,000, of which, however, $50,000,000 were to be reserved from issue until actually required for payment of deposits.

At a still later date Congress, upon the recommendation of the Secretary, authorized the use of postage and revenue stamps as a fractional currency, preferring this expedient to metallic tokens or coins reduced in value below existing standards.

These various acts, taken together, authorized the emission of two hundred and fifty millions of dollars in United States notes, and a further emission of fifty millions, if needed, for the payment of deposits. Of these emissions, the sixty millions receivable for customs were not available as circulation, but might be replaced, as paid in, by notes of the new issues which were thus available, so that, in the end, a total circulation of two hundred and fifty millions might be reached, and, in an impossible contingency, increased by fifty millions more. An emission of fractional currency, as just stated, was also authorized.

In aid of these provisions for public payments, the Secretary recommended, and Congress, by different enactments, authorized, the receipt on temporary deposit, at an interest not exceeding 5 per cent, of coin as might be offered, not exceeding in the whole $100,000,000, and the payment to such creditors as might choose to receive them of certificates of indebtedness, payable in one year, and bearing six per cent interest. Congress also authorized the issue of national bonds to the amount of $400,000,000, into which the United States notes issued might be converted at the will of the holder. It was provided that these bonds should carry an interest of six per cent in specie, and be redeemable after five, and payable in twenty years. They have received the name of five-twenties or five-twenty-sixes.

These measures have worked well. Their results have more than fulfilled the anticipations of the Secretary. And other urgent demands on the attention of Congress permitted the consideration and adoption of the suggestions which the Secretary ventured to submit in favor of authorizing the formation, under a proper general law, of banking associations, issuing only uniform notes prepared and furnished by the national Government, and of imposing a reasonable tax on the circulation of other institutions, no financial necessity would, perhaps, now demand additional legislation for the current year, except such as experience might suggest for the perfection of measures already sanctioned.

A short statement will exhibit the practical workings of the laws actually enacted.

To the 1st day of July, 1862, $67,626,116 67 had been received and were remaining on deposit. United States notes to the amount of $158,591,230 had been issued and were in circulation; $49,681,070 72 had been paid in certificates of indebtedness; and $200,545,291 66 had been paid in cash. Not a single requisition from any department upon the Treasury remained unanswered. Every audited and settled claim on the Government, and every quartermaster's check for supplies furnished, which had reached the Treasury, had been met. And there remained in the Treasury a balance of $13,043,546 81.

The reverses of June, July and August, affected, of course, injuriously this financial condition. The vast expenditures required by the large increase of the army, authorized by Congress, and directed by the President, made exhausting demands on all available resources. The measures of Congress, however, enabled the Secretary to provide, if not fully yet almost fully, for the constantly increased disbursements. The actual payments, other than for interest on public debt, during the month of October, were $[illegible]; during the month of November they were $[illegible] and during the month of November, $[illegible], while the accumulation of requisitions beyond resources amounted to less than the fourth of the aggregate of these sums, namely, to $45,554,701 22.

It remains to consider what further resources for satisfying the debt now existing in the form of requisitions, and meeting other present and prospective demands upon the Treasury, may be provided under existing legislation; and what additional measures may be beneficially adopted for the improvement of the revenue and for the sure establishment of the public credit, by the discharge, with the greatest possible promptitude and punctuality, of all public obligations.

The whole power to borrow money under the act of July, 1861, to authorize a national loan is now exhausted. The only important laws under which means for meeting demands on the Treasury can be had are those enacted or modified by Congress at its last session.

These are of two general classes, namely, those which provide revenue from duties and taxes, and those which authorize the obtaining of money by loans in various forms.

The laws of the first class are, (1st,) the several acts imposing duties on imports, and (2d,) the act to provide internal revenue.

The laws of the second class are, (1st,) the act authorizing the issue of United States notes, and of a per cent. bonds of the United States, redeemable after five and payable in twenty years, to the amount of five hundred million of dollars; (2d,) the two acts authorizing the issue of certificates of indebtedness, and the purchase of coin; (3d,) the act authorizing an additional issue of United States notes; and (4th,) the act authorizing payment in stamps.

The laws of the first class have been too recently enacted, and their practical operation and results are affected by too large a variety of circumstances, to warrant any very confident opinion either as to the particulars in which amendments may be required or as to the amount of revenue which may be expected from them. The year which will elapse before the next regular session of Congress will allow sufficient time for practical tests, and will doubtless suggest beneficial modifications. It seems already probable that some taxes imposed may be either repealed or reduced in rate at that session, without injury to the public service or the public credit. Possibly, also, some comparatively unimportant changes may be indicated as useful before the close of the present session.

The actual and estimated receipts under these laws for the current fiscal year, as already stated, will amount under the Tariff act to $68,041,724 69, and under the Internal Revenue law to $85,456,303 72. The receipts for all other sources, exclusive of loans, as estimated, will reach $16,068,788 47, making a general aggregate, including $13,043,546 81, balance from last year, of $180,496,345 60, and leaving to be provided from loans, in some form, $608,083,432 02.

The laws of the second class limit the issue of United States notes, exclusive of the contingent reserve for deposits, to $250,000,000, limit the amount receivable on temporary deposit to $100,000,000, and limit the issue of five-twenty sixes to $500,000,000. The issue of certificates of indebtedness and of fractional currency is unlimited by legislation.

The amount of United States notes, including notes receivable for customs, already issued and in circulation, or in the Treasury to the credit of disbursing officers or of the Treasurer, was on the 1st instant $222,932,311. There yet remains, therefore, under the law an authority to issue the futher sum of $27,067,689. The amount received on deposit, including coin and estimating for the last day of November, is $76,796,650. The further sum of $20,201,350 may therefore yet be received. The issue of fractional currency has reached the sum of $3,884,806. The best lights lead to the estimate that before specie payments can be resumed not less than $40,000,000 will be required for the wants of the community. The sum of $26,115,200, not yet issued, may therefore be counted on as an additional resource. It is not easy to determine what further payments can be made in certificates of indebtedness, but it seems probable that payments in that form may be safely carried to the amount of $100,000,000. These payments have already reached $87,363,241 65, and the additional sum of $12,636,758 35 may therefore be paid in that way. What can be justly expected from conversions under the act authorizing the issue of five-twenty sixes, that is to say, from exchanges by holders of United States notes for these bonds, at par, cannot be stated with much certainty. The amount received from this source from the date of the act to the 1st instant, estimating for part of the last week in November, is $23,750,000. It may reasonably be expected that thirty-five millions will be received, if the act remains unmodified, during the remainder of the fiscal year. The aggregate of all these sums, namely, $131,021,197 35, constitutes the total of resources available for the current year under existing laws, except through sales, regarded as impracticable under the act authorizing their issue, of the five-twenties at their market value.

These credit resources, with the actual receipts from like sources, added to revenue in all forms may supply the Treasury with $511,646,259 98. There remains a balance of disbursements of $276,912,517 66 to be provided for.

How?

The easiest mode doubtless would be an issue of the required amount in United States notes; but such an issue, especially in the absence of proper restrictions on corporate circulation, would, in the judgment of the Secretary, be as injurious as it would be easy. The addition of so vast a volume to the existing circulation would convert a currency, of which the benefits have thus far greatly outweighed the inconveniences, into a positive calamity. Its consequences would be vast diminution of exports, inflation of prices, increase of expenditures, augmentation of debt, and, ultimately, disastrous defeat of the very purposes sought to be attained by it.

To a certain extent, however, and under certain circumstances, a limited additional issue of United States notes may perhaps be safely and advantageously made.

The Secretary does not concur in the opinion entertained by some, whose ability and experience command deserved respect, that the aggregate currency of the country, composed of United States notes and notes of corporations, is at this moment greatly in excess of legitimate demands for its employment. Much less does he concur in another opinion, not unfrequently expressed, but expressed in his judgment without due consideration that any actual excess is due to the issues of United States notes already in circulation.

It is true that gold commands a premium in notes; in other words, that to purchase a given amount of gold a greater amount in notes is required. But it is also true that, on the suspension of specie payments and the substitution for coin of United States notes, convertible into six per cent. specie bonds as the legal standard of value, gold became an article of merchandise, subject to the ordinary fluctuations of supply and demand, and to the extraordinary fluctuations of mere speculation. The ignorant fears of foreign investors in National and State bonds, and other American securities, and the timid alarms of numerous nervous individuals in our own country, prompted large sacrifices upon evidences of public and corporate indebtedness in our markets, and large purchases of coin for remittance abroad or hoarding at home. Taking advantage of these and other circumstances tending to an advance of gold, speculators employed all the arts of the market to stimulate that tendency and carry it to the highest point. This point was reached on the 15th day of October. Gold sold in the market at a premium of 37½ per cent.

That this remarkable rise is not due wholly, or even in greatest part, to the increase of the currency, is established beyond reasonable doubt by considerations now to be stated.

First.—The whole quantity of circulation did not, at the time, greatly, if at all, exceed the legitimate demands of payments. On the 1st day of November, 1861, the circulation of United States Notes, including credits to disbursing officers and to the Treasurer of the United States, was $15,140,000. On the 1st day of November, 1862, it was, with like inclusions, $210,104,000. Of corporate notes, on the 1st of November, 1861, the circulation in the loyal States was, according to the best estimates, $130,000,000; on the 1st of November, 1862, it was $167,000,000. The coin in circulation, including the coin in banks, was probably not less, on the 1st of November 1861, than $210,000,000. On the 1st of November, 1862, the coin had been practically demonetized and withdrawn from use as currency or as a basis for currency, and is therefore not estimated. The aggregate circulation of the loyal States, therefore, was, at the first date, $[illegible]; and at the second, only $[illegible]

Secondly.—The whole or nearly the whole, increase in the volume of the currency which has taken place was, it is believed, immediately demanded by the changed condition of the country in the year between the two dates. The activity in business which, at the close of that year, had taken the place of the general stagnation which marked its beginning, and the military and naval preparations and movements which has vastly augmented the number and amounts of payments to be made in money, have, it is believed, legitimately demanded nearly or quite the whole of it.

That such is the case, may be reasonably inferred from the fact that the prices of many of the most important articles of consumption have declined or not materially advanced during the year. Wheat, quoted at $1 35 to $1 45 per bushel on the 1st of November, 1861, was quoted at $1 25 to $1 30 on the 1st of November, 1862. Flour, New-York, on the 1st of November, 1861, was quoted at $15 to $15 50 per barrel, and on the 1st of November, 1862, at $12 to $13. Corn sold on the 1st of November, 1861, at 62 to 65 cents per bushel, and on the 1st of November, 1862, at 71 to 73 cents. A comparison between the prices of hay, beef, and some other staples of domestic produce at the two dates, exhibits similar conditions of actual depression in price or moderate rise.

Thirdly.—It is perhaps still more conclusive against the theory of great redundancy that, on the 15th day of October, when the aggregate actual circulation, National and corporate, was about $[illegible], the premium on gold was 37½; whereas, on the 29th day of November, when the circulation had increased by more than millions, the premium on gold was 28 to 30 per cent.

But if the fact of considerable redundancy in circulation be conceded, it by no means follows that it is the circulation of United States notes which is redundant.

It must be remembered that the law confines National payments and receipts to coin and notes of the United States. Officers of the Treasury, officers of the army and navy, all officers of all departments, must observe and enforce this law. For all payments to be made in behalf of the United States, in case of inability to obtain coin, United States notes must be tendered. It is, indeed, the duty of the legislature to see that the purchasing power of these notes is kept as nearly as possible equal to the purchasing power which gold would have had if specie payments had been maintained; but the issue and use of the notes is unavoidable, and the Government can resort to borrowing only when the issue has become sufficiently large to warrant a just expectation that loans of the notes can be had from those who hold or can obtain them at rates not less advantageous than those of coin loans before suspension. The difficulty which the takers of the recent loan of $13,613,450 found in obtaining United States Notes with which to meet their engagements to the Treasury, is very instructive on this head. It points, indeed, directly to the conclusion that loans of United States notes, in sufficient amounts to meet the disbursements of the Government, could not now be obtained at rates which a due regard to the interests of the tax-payers would permit the Secretary to accept. Whatever may be said of the aggregate circulation, it cannot, then, be successfully maintained that the circulation of United States notes is excessive. When extended to the limits authorized by existing laws, it will be no larger than the wants of the people and the Government imperatively demand.

If there be a considerable redundancy then, if there be a considerable real depreciation of the circulation—which is by no means admitted—what has caused the redundancy and the depreciation?

The cause of all that exists is easily found in the statements of the banking corporations. The circulation of corporate notes increased during the year ending on the 1st of November, 1862, from $130,000,000 to $167,000,000. During the same time the volume of deposits, which answer very many of the purposes of circulation, had swelled from $264,000,000 to $344,000,000. The greater portion of this increase took place within the last seven months.

The augmentation of deposits always accompanies increase of circulation. Together they stimulate loans, and are, in turn, stimulated by the desire of the interest derived from loans. As might have been anticipated, loans increased, though not equally, with the circulation and deposits. From $607,000,000 on the 1st day of November, 1861, they had grown to $677,000,000 on the 1st day of November, 1862.

Here is an obvious and sufficient explanation of whatever undue expansion may have taken place. The Secretary has already expressed the opinion that the circulation is not greatly redundant, and that no considerable depreciation of currency has actually occurred. He thinks it sufficiently proved, however, that whatever there may of either is fairly attributable not to the increase of United States notes, but to the increase of bank circulation and deposits.

It is to be observed that no law compelled and no public necessity required any enlargement of the volume of currency by the banks. On the contrary, there are, in some of the States, positive enactments by which the increase of circulation during suspension is prohibited; and the principle embodied in them is so obviously just that well-managed institutions, when obliged to suspend, almost invariably, without the constraint of any law, reduce their circulation instead of augmenting it. In obedience to this principle a reduction of bank circulation actually took place after the suspension in December. It was only when United States notes, having been made a legal tender, were diverted from their legitimate use as currency and made the basis of bank circulation, that the great increase of the latter began. It was purely voluntary; prompted, doubtless, by the desire of extending accommodations to business as well as by the expectation of profit. No practical limit upon this increase has as yet been proposed by the parties interested in it.

The Secretary has already shown that the case was far otherwise with the circulation of United States notes. A condition has been created by the suspension which made loans of coin impossible. Loans of corporate notes, objectionable in themselves, were positively prohibited by a law not likely to be repealed. The extension of the United States note circulation, until sufficient in amount to enable the Secretary to obtain it from holders by way of loans, was equally inevitable. A practical limit on its increase is imposed by the judicious legislation of Congress, which makes the notes receivable for loans, and requires that the interest on bonds for loans shall be paid in coin.

Under these circumstances, the path of wisdom and duty seems very clear. It leads to the support of a United States note circulation, and to the reduction of the bank note circulation. A comparatively small reduction of the latter will allow ample room for the whole increase of the former authorized by existing laws; and as the reduction proceeds the increase may be extended, never, however, passing the point which admits the negotiation of loans at reasonable rates. The Secretary has heretofore advised the imposing of a moderate tax on corporate circulation, and now renews the recommendation as the best means of reduction and gradual substitution. Such a tax involves no hardships. Notes circulating as money cost nothing beyond the expense of production and supervision, and yet form a highly accumulative species of property. The necessities of the war have caused the taxation of almost all forms of value. Can there be a sound reason for exempting that which costs the proprietor least and brings him most?

It may be properly added that this desirable substitution of a circulation, uniform in description and value, for a circulation varying widely in both, may, perhaps, be more easily and beneficially effected now than at any other time. The circulation of United States notes may greatly facilitate the payments to the banks through which their own notes must be withdrawn; and thus, not only protect the community from the inconveniences, but the banks from the losses which might otherwise attend reduction.

It may also be added that when the substitution shall have been accomplished, and, perhaps, if circumstances favor, at an earlier period, payments in specie of United States notes may be resumed with less cost and less injury to business than would attend a like resumption in payment of corporate notes. With comparatively trivial sacrifices, the Government can, whenever its expenditures are reduced to its revenue, provide, by loan or otherwise, all the coin needed to commence and maintain the resumption.

While the Secretary thus repeats the preference he has heretofore expressed for a United States note circulation, even when issued directly by the Government, and dependent on the action of the Government for regulation and final redemption, over the note circulation of the numerous and variously organized and variously responsible banks now existing in the country; and while he now sets forth, more fully than heretofore, the grounds of that preference, he still adheres to the opinion expressed in his last report, that a circulation furnished by the Government, but issued by banking associations, organized under a general act of Congress, is to be preferred to either. Such a circulation, uniform in general characteristics, and amply secured as to prompt convertibility by National bonds deposited in the Treasury, by the associations receiving it, would unite, in his judgment, more elements of soundness and utility than can be combined in any other.

A circulation composed exclusively of notes issued directly by the Government, or of such notes and coin, is recommended mainly by two considerations: the first, derived from the facility with which it may be provided in emergencies, and the second, from its cheapness.

The principal objections to such a circulation as a permanent system are: 1st, the facility of excessive expansion when expenditures exceed receipts; 2d, the danger of lavish and corrupt expenditure, stimulated by facility of expansion; 3d, the danger of fraud in management and supervision; 4th, the impossibility of providing it in sufficient amounts for the wants of the people whenever expenditures are reduced to equality with revenue or below it.

These objections are all serious. The last requires some elucidation. It will be easily understood, however, if it be considered that a Government issuing a credit circulation cannot supply, in any given period, an amount of currency greater than the excess of its disbursements over its receipts. To that amount it may create a debt in small notes and those notes may be used as currency. This is precisely the way in which the existing currency of United States notes is supplied. That portion of the expenditures not met by revenue or loans has been met by the issue of these notes. Debt in this form has been substituted for various debts in other forms. Wanted, therefore, the country shall be restored to a healthy normal condition, and receipts exceed expenditures, the supply of United States notes will be arrested, and must progressively diminish. Whatever demand may be made for their redemption in coin must hasten this diminution; and there can be no reissue; for reissue, under the conditions, necessarily implies disbursement, and the revenue, upon the supposition, supplies more than is needed for that purpose. There is, then, no mode in which a currency in United States notes can be permanently maintained, except by loans of them, when not required for disbursements, on deposits of coin, or pledge of securities, or in some other way. This would convert the Treasury into a Government bank, with all its hazards and mischiefs.

If these reasonings be sound, little room can remain for doubt that the evils certain to arise from such a scheme of currency, if adopted as a permanent system, greatly overbalance the temporary though not inconsiderable advantages offered by it.

It remains to be considered what results may be reasonably expected from an act authorizing the organization of banking associations such as the Secretary proposed in his last report.

The central idea of the proposed measure is the establishment of one sound, uniform circulation of equal value throughout the country, upon the foundation of national credit combined with private capital.

Such a currency, it is believed, can be secured through banking associations organized under national legislation.

It is proposed that these associations be entirely voluntary. Any persons desirous of employing real capital in sufficient amounts, can, if the plan be adopted, unite together under proper articles, and having contributed the requisite capital, can invest each part of it, not less than a fixed minimum, in United States bonds, and, having deposited these bonds with the proper officer of the United States, can receive United States notes in such denominations as may be desired, and employ them as money in discounts and exchanges. The stockholders of any existing banks can, in like manner, organize under the act, and transfer, by such degrees as may be found convenient, the capital of the old to the use of the new associations. The notes thus put into circulation will be payable until resumption, in United States notes, and, after resumption, in specie, by the association which issues them on demand; and if not so paid will be redeemable at the Treasury of the United States from the proceeds of the bonds pledged in security. In the practical working of the plan, if sanctioned by Congress, redemption at one or more of the great commercial centres, will probably be provided for by all the associations which circulate the notes; and, in case any association shall fail in such redemption, the Treasurer of the United States will, probably, under discretionary authority, pay the notes, and cancel the public debt held as security.

It seems difficult to conceive of a note circulation which will combine higher local and general credit than this. After a few years no other circulation would be used, nor could the issues of the national circulation be easily increased beyond the legitimate demands of business. Every dollar of circulation would represent real capital, actually invested in national stocks, and the total amount issued could always be easily and quickly ascertained from the books of the Treasury. These circumstances, if they might not wholly remove the temptation to excessive issues, would certainly reduce it to the lowest point, while the form of the notes, the uniformity of devises, the signatures of national officers, and the imprint of the national seal authenticating the declaration borne on each that it is secured by bonds which represent the faith and capital of the whole country, could not fail to make every note as good in any part of the world as the best known and best esteemed national securities.

The Secretary has already mentioned the support to public credit which may be expected from the proposed associations. The importance of this point may excuse some additional observations.

The organization proposed, if sanctioned by Congress, would require within a very few years, for deposits as security for circulation bonds of the United States to an amount not less than $250,000,000. It may well be expected, indeed, since the circulation, by uniformity in credit and value, and capacity of cheap and quick transportation, will be likely to be used more extensively than any hitherto issued, that the demand for bonds will largely overpass this limit. Should Congress see fit to restrict the privilege of deposit to the bonds known as five-twenties, authorized by the act of last session, the demand would promptly absorb all of that description already issued, and make large room for more. A steady market for the bonds would thus be established, and the negotiation of them greatly facilitated.

But it is not in immediate results that the value of this support would be only or chiefly seen. There are always holders who desire to sell securities of whatever kind.

of existing institutions with those of the whole country. It contemplates gradual withdrawal of State note circulation, and proposes a United States note circulation, furnished to banking associations, in the advantages of which they may participate in full proportion to the care with responsibility assumed and the services performed by them. The promptitude and zeal with which many of the existing institutions come to the financial support of the Government in the dark days which followed the outbreak of the rebellion is not forgotten. They ventured largely and boldly, and patriotically on the side of the Union and the Constitutional supremacy of the nation over States and citizens. It does not at all detract from the merit of the act that the loans, which they feared but unhesitatingly risked, were transmuted into unexpected gains. It is a solid recommendation of the suggested plan that it offers the opportunity to those and kindred institutions to reorganize, continue their business under the proposed act, and with little loss and much advantage participate in maintaining the new and uniform National currency.

The proposed plan is recommended, finally, by the fair exchange it will supply to the citizens of the States. Every banking association whose bonds are deposited in the Treasury of the Union; every individual who holds a dollar of the circulation secured by such deposit; every merchant, every manufacturer, every farmer, every mechanic, directly or indirectly in transactions dependent for success on the credit of that circulation, will feel as an injury every attempt to rend the National unity, with the permanence and stability of which all their interests are so closely and vitally connected. Had the system been possible, and had it actually existed two years ago, can it be doubted that the National sentiments and sentiments combined by it for the Union would have so strengthened the motives for adhesion derived from other sources that the wild treason of secession would have been impossible?

The Secretary does not yield to the phantasy that taxation is a blessing and debt a benefit; but it is the duty of public men to extract good from evil whenever it is possible. The burdens of taxation may be lightened and even made productive of incidental benefits by wise, and aggravated and made intolerable by unwise, legislation. In like manner debt, by no means desirable in itself, may, when circumstances compel nations to incur its obligations, be made by discreet men less burdensome, and even instrumental in the promotion of public and private security and welfare.

The rebellion has brought a great debt upon us. It is proposed to use a part of it in such a way that the sense of its burden may be lost in the experience of incidental advantages. The issue of United States notes is such a use; but if exclusive, is hazardous and temporary. The security by national bonds of similar notes furnished to banking associations is such a use, and is comparatively safe and permanent; and with this use may be connected, for the present, and occasionally, as circumstances may require, hereafter, the use of the ordinary United States notes in limited amounts.

No very early day will probably witness the reduction of the public debt to the amount required as a basis for secured circulation. Should no future wars arrest reduction and again demand expenditures beyond revenue, that day will, however, at length, come. When it shall arrive, the debt may be retained on low interest at that amount, or some other security for circulation may be devised, or, possibly, the vast supplies of our rich mines may render all circulation unadvisable except gold, and the absolute representatives and equivalents, dollar for dollar, of gold in the treasury, or on safe deposit elsewhere. But these considerations may be for another generation.

The Secretary forbears extended argument on the constitutionality of the suggested system. It is proposed as an auxiliary to the power to borrow money; as an agency of the power to collect and disburse taxes; and as an exercise of the power to regulate commerce, and of the power to regulate the value of coin. Of the two first sources of power nothing need be said. The argument relating to them was long since exhausted, and is well known. Of the other two there is not room, nor does it seem needful to say much. If Congress can prescribe the structure, equipment, and management of vessels to navigate rivers flowing between or through different States, as a regulation of commerce, Congress may assuredly determine what currency shall be employed in the interchange of their commodities, which is the very essence of commerce. Statesmen who have agreed in little else, have concurred in the opinion that the power to regulate coin is, in substance and effect, a power to regulate currency, and that the framers of the Constitution so intended. It may well enough be admitted that while Congress confines its regulation to weight, fineness, alloy, and device, banks and individuals may issue notes for currency in competition with coin. But it is difficult to conceive by what process of logic the unquestioned power to regulate coin can be separated from the power to maintain or restore its circulation, by excluding from currency all private or corporate substitutes which affect its value, whenever Congress shall see fit to exercise that power for that purpose.

The recommendations, now submitted, of the limited issue of United States notes, as a wise expedient for the present time, and as an occasional expedient in future times, and of the organization of banking associations to supply circulation, secured by national bonds, and convertible always into United States notes, and after resumption of specie payments into coin, are prompted by no favor to excessive issues of any description of credit money.

On the contrary, it is the Secretary's firm belief that by no other path can the resumption of specie payments be so surely reached and so certainly maintained. United States notes receivable for bonds bearing a secure specie interest are next best to notes convertible into coin. The circulation of banking associations organized under a general act of Congress, secured by such bonds, can be most surely and safely maintained at the point of certain convertibility into coin. If temporarily, these associations redeem their issues with United States notes, resumption of specie payments will not thereby be delayed or endangered, but hastened and secured; for, just as soon as victory shall restore peace, the ample revenue, already secured by wise legislation, will enable the Government, through advantageous purchases of specie, to replace at once large amounts, and, at no distant day, the whole, of this circulation by coin, without detriment to any interest, but, on the contrary, with great and manifest benefit to all interests.

The Secretary recommends, therefore, no mere paper money scheme, but, on the contrary, a series of measures looking to a safe and gradual return to gold and silver as the only permanent basis, standard and measure of values recognised by the Constitution—between which and an irredeemable paper currency, as he believes, the choice is now to be made.

No country possesses the true elements of a higher credit—no country, in ordinary times, can maintain a higher standard of currency and payment than the United States.

The Government is less costly than that of most other great powers. The expenditures of the current fiscal year, excluding those of the War and Navy Departments, can hardly equal those of last year, which amounted to $24,511,476 66. Estimating those of these Departments at double the expenditures of the last year before the rebellion, they would for the current year, had the war ended before last Midsummer, as was anticipated at the date of the last report, amount to the sum of $55,845,834 49. The interest on the public debt is for the current year estimated at $25,041,532 07, and will not probably go over that sum. The whole expenditures of the Government for the current year, on the supposition of peace, would, therefore, not exceed $106,371,843 21. The aggregate must be increased hereafter by the addition of interest on the loans of the current and future years, and by pensions, the precise amount of which cannot be foreseen. Estimate the former at fifty, and the latter at ten millions a year, and the total annual expenditures in peace, will reach, omitting fractions, to $166,000,000. The expenditures of Great Britain during the year ending March 31, 1862, were $364,456,682; those of France for 1862, according to French official estimates, will reach $431,828,809, and the annual expenses of Russia, according to the best accessible information, do not fall short of $250,000,000.

To meet our annual expenditures, and to secure beyond contingency the punctual discharge of the interest of the public debt, and the creation of a sinking fund for its reduction, Congress has provided a revenue from customs even now reaching nearly seventy millions a year, and a revenue from internal duties, which will not probably fall short of one hundred and fifty millions a year.

Without reckoning any other resources than those already provided, the revenue, therefore, will annually exceed the expenditures by $55,000,000, which sum may be used for the reduction of the public debt. If, then, the war shall be continued, contrary to hope and expectation, to Midsummer of 1864, and the public debt shall reach the utmost limit now anticipated of seventeen hundred and fifty millions of dollars, the excess of revenue will reduce that debt during the first year of peace, more than three per cent.

But the American Republic possesses immense resources which have not yet been called into contribution. The gold-bearing region of the United States stretches through near eighteen degrees of latitude, from British Columbia on the north to Mexico on the south, and through more than twenty degrees of longitude, from the eastern declivities of the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. It includes two States, California and Oregon; four entire Territories, Utah, Nevada, New-Mexico and Washington, and parts of three other Territories, Colorado, Nebraska and Dakota. It forms an area of more than a million of square miles, the whole of which, with comparatively insignificant exceptions, is the property of the nation. It is rich not only in gold, but in silver, copper, iron, lead and many other valuable minerals. Its product of gold and silver during the current year will not much, if at all, probably fall very short of $100,000,000; and it may long continue gradually, yet rapidly, to increase. If this product be subjected to a reasonable seigniorage, as suggested by some, or if, as suggested by others, the mineral lands be subdivided and sold in convenient parcels, with proper reservations in favor of the miners now in occupation of particular localities, a very considerable revenue may doubtless be obtained from this region, without hardship to the actual settlers and occupiers.

And there are other mines than those of gold or silver, or copper or iron, in the wide territory which includes the public lands of the United States. Every acre of the fertile soil is a mine which only waits the contact of labor to yield its treasures, and every acre is opened to that fruitful contact by the Homestead act. When the opportunities thus offered to industry shall be understood by the working millions of Europe, it cannot be doubted that great numbers will seek American homes, in order to avail themselves of the great advantages tendered to their acceptance by American law. Every working man who comes betters the condition of the nation as well as his own. He adds in many ways, seen and unseen, to its wealth, its intelligence and its power. It is difficult to estimate the contribution which immigration, properly encouraged by legislation and administration, will make to revenue; but, directly and indirectly, it cannot be reckoned as less than that which may be expected from the metallic products of the gold-bearing region.

With such resources at the disposal of the Republic, no one need be alarmed lest the United States may become unable to pay the interest on its debt, or to reduce the principal to whatever point the public interest may indicate. The Republic is passing through the pangs of a new birth to a nobler and higher life. Twice already she has paid off a National Debt contracted for the defence of her rights; the obligations of that which she now incurs for the preservation of her existence will be not less sacredly fulfilled.

But while resources are thus ample, it is not the less the dictate of prudence and of good faith to a generous people that the greatest pains should be taken to reduce the public burdens to the lowest point compatible with justice to honest public creditors. Prodigality may exhaust the amplest resources and impair the firmest credit. To retrench superfluity; to economize expenditures; to adjust accurately measures to objects; to infuse resolute vigor and a just sense of responsibility into every department of public activity, are not less important to credit and revenue, than to general success in administration.

It has been already stated that the amount to be provided, beyond resources available under existing laws, is, for the current year, $276,912,517 66, and for the ensuing year, $627,388,183 56.

To provide these amounts, loans in some form must be negotiated.

The Secretary has already expressed the opinion, with great deference to the superior wisdom of Congress, that it will be unwise, unless conditions greatly change, to authorize the increase of United States notes beyond the limit now fixed by law. Should any vacuum be created by the withdrawal of bank note circulation, that vacuum should doubtless be filled by United States notes. Should Congress adopt the measures proposed by the Secretary, it is not improbable that an additional issue of fifty millions may be required for that purpose within the year, and an equal additional issue during the following year. And it may well be hoped that military successes, re-establishing the authority of the United States in large districts of the insurgent region, will call for further issues to supply the place of the worthless currency which the rebellion has forced upon the people. Should it be deemed expedient to invest the Secretary with any discretionary power, in view of these contingencies, it should be so limited as to allow no increase of aggregate circulation beyond the clear demands of real business.

A considerable additional sum may probably be obtained by removing the limit on temporary deposits. The amount of these deposits has steadily increased, notwithstanding large repayments to depositors. The Treasury of the Government has been made the savings bank of the people. Should the restriction be removed, there is reason to believe that twenty-five millions may be received beyond the maximum now fixed, during the year.

But the chief reliance, and the safest, must be upon loans. Without any issues of United States notes beyond the amount now authorized, it seems certain that loans for the whole amount required for the current year can be readily obtained at fair rates; and it may be confidently hoped that before its close the resources of the country will be so well understood, and the restoration of its territorial integrity so well assured, that capitalists will not hesitate to supply whatever may be needed for the subsequent year.

But in order to the advantageous negotiation of loans the action of Congress is necessary.

As an important element of facility in negotiation, the plan for banking associations has been already considered. Little direct aid is, however, to be expected from this plan during the present, nor very much, perhaps, during the next year. The operation of associations organized under it must, at first be restricted, mainly to investing United States notes in bonds; issuing a circulation based on these bonds; and transacting ordinary business. As the notes received for the bonds cannot be reissued without injurious inflation of the circulation, they must necessarily be withdrawn and canceled. The aggregate circulation of Government United States notes withdrawn, will be replaced by the amount of National circulation furnished to the associations. The immediate advantage to the Government will be found in the market created for bonds, and the support thereby given to the National credit. The more general advantages which have been described must attend the gradual organization of banking associations, and will only be fully apparent when the National circulation furnished to them shall become the established and sole note circulation of the country.

Other legislation is therefore needed.

The act of last session authorized the Secretary to issue bonds of the United States, already often mentioned as five-twenties, to the amount of five hundred millions of dollars, and to dispose of them for coin or United States notes at the market value thereof. In the same act authority was given to issue $150,000,000 in United States notes, which authority was afterwards enlarged to $250,000,000; and it was provided that any holder of such notes to the amount of fifty dollars, or any multiple of fifty, might exchange them for five-twenty bonds, at par.

The effect of these provisions was to make negotiations of considerable amounts impossible; for considerable amounts are seldom taken except with a view to resales at a profit, and resales at any profit are impossible under the law. Accordingly, before market value was established, and if not allowed the taker of the bonds can exact no advantage, unless a market value obtained by sale, per chance, became established. The act makes advance sheets per impossible, by authorizing conversion of United States notes into bonds as the market value.

The Secretary respectfully recommends the repeal of both these provisions. The first imposes, it is believed, a restriction which Congress did not intend; and the second has been followed by the inconvenience which were feared, rather than by the benefits which were expected. Convertibility by exchange at will is of little or no advantage to the holder of the notes; for the clauses which secure their receivability for all loans make them practically convertible. Wherever the volume of notes reaches a point at which loans can be effected at rates fair to the country and desirable to takers, loans will, of course, be made, and simple opportunities for conversion offered.

Should Congress, however, be of opinion that these clauses should be retained, it will be necessary to provide for other loans, at rates more favorable to the holders than convertibility into five-twenties. This can be done either by authorizing bonds at longer time, or by increasing the rates of interest offered.

The Secretary cannot recommend either course except as an alternative to no provision at all.

As such an alternative he would prefer the issue of 7.30 three years bonds, convertible into five-twenty sixes at or before maturity, and of smaller notes bearing an interest of 2.86 per cent, as proposed in his first report.

A discretionary power may, perhaps, be advantageously conferred on the Secretary, to be exercised as emergencies may require or allow. He does not covet the responsibilities belonging to such a power, but would not shrink from such exercise of it as, in his best judgment, the public good would require. He believes, however, it to be unnecessary. He believes that the time and rate of the five-twenty loan authorized were judiciously determined, and he believes that, if the suggested changes are made in the law, the needed supplies can be obtained through these loans. No prudent financier, at a time when the gold in the world is increasing by a hundred millions a year, and interest must necessarily and soon decline, will consent to impose on the labor and business of the people a fixed interest of six per cent. on a great debt, for twenty years, unless the necessity is far more urgent than is now believed to exist. The country has already witnessed the results of such measures in the payment, in 1856, of more than four and a half millions of dollars for the privilege of paying a debt of less than forty-one millions some twelve years averaged time before it became due.

The general views of the Secretary may therefore be thus briefly summed:

He recommends that whatever amount may be needed beyond the sums supplied by revenue and through other indicated modes be obtained by loans, without increasing the issues of United States notes beyond the amount fixed by law, unless a clear public exigency shall demand it. He recommends, also, the organization of banking associations for the improvement of the public credit and for the supply to the people of a safe and uniform currency. And he recommends no change in the law providing for the negotiation of bonds except the necessary increase of amount, and the repeal of the absolute restriction to market value and of the clauses authorizing convertibility at will.

If Congress shall concur in these views, the Secretary, though conscious of the great difficulties which vast, sudden and protracted expenditures impose on him, ventures to hope that he may still be able to maintain the public credit and provide for the public wants.

The report of the director of the mint contains the usual information relative to the coinage for the past year, and makes several suggestions, to which I respectfully invite your attention.

The net amount of bullion received was $45,423,231 01. The amount coined was; of gold coins, $45,532,386 50; of silver coins, $2,612,401 50; of cent coins, $116,000; of gold bars, $16,144,190 05; and of silver bars, $418,680 01; making a total coinage of $65,023,658 06.

Of the bullion deposited, $36,189,863 67 was received at the assay office in New-York. Of the gold bars, $16,094,768 44, and of silver bars, $416,632 67, in value, were stamped at the same office.

At the branch mint in San Francisco the gold deposits were $16,136,622 96, and the silver deposits and purchases, $749,114 14 in value. The value of the gold coined was $15,545,000; of silver coined, $641,700; and of silver bars, $1,276 65.

Soon after the authority of the Union was re-established at New-Orleans a special agent was appointed to examine the condition of the branch mint in that city, and its machinery. The machinery proved to have been greatly injured, and portions of it were found distributed and secreted in various parts of the city. The portions were collected and replaced in the mint, and the necessary repairs are in progress. The operations of the branch mint, however, have not been, and for the present, at least, will not be, resumed.

By the Act of April 24, last, a branch mint was directed to be established at Denver, in the Territory of Colorado, and an appropriation of $75,000 was made to carry the act into effect. A mint had already been established there by individuals engaged in assaying and stamping, on private account, the bullion produced in that region. A commission was appointed to ascertain and report as to the value of this establishment and the comparative expediency of purchasing it or erecting a new one; and, upon their recommendation, the existing mint, with all its apparatus, was purchased for $25,000.

The Secretary respectfully commends to the consideration of Congress the expediency of establishing an assay office, or branch mint, at some convenient point in Nevada Territory.

In his last report the Secretary took occasion to invite the attention of Congress to the importance of uniform weights, measures and coins, and to the worth of the decimal system in the commerce of the world. He now ventures to suggest that the present demonetization of gold may well be availed of for the purpose of taking one considerable step toward these great ends. If the half eagle of the Union be made of equal weight and fineness with the gold sovereign of Great Britain, no sensible injury could possibly arise from the change; while, on the resumption of specie payments, its great advantages would be felt in the equalization exchanges and the convenience of commerce. The act of the United States, moreover, might be followed by the adoption by Great Britain of the Federal decimal divisions of the coin, and thus a most important advance might be secured toward an international coinage, with values decimally expressed.

Under the provisions of the several acts of Congress relative to trade and commerce between the loyal States and those States and parts of States declared to be in insurrection, general regulations have been issued prescribing the condition under which that trade and commerce, to a limited extent, may be conducted. This trade has been authorized only with sections of the country in which, since the Proclamation of the President, the authority of the Government has been established by military occupancy. No licenses or permits have been granted for commerce with inhabitants of insurrectionary districts beyond the limits of such occupancy. Under the provisions of the fifth section of the act of July 13, 1861, special agents have been appointed whose duty has been to carry out the authorized instructions of the Department, and it is anticipated that the expenses of their agency will be defrayed from moderate charges for permits granted under their supervision.

The collection of cotton, rice and other abandoned property, and the superintendence of laborers and plantations which, at the date of my last report, was committed to agents of this Department, has since been transferred, as more properly belonging to his Department, to the control of the Secretary of War.

During the last session the Secretary had the honor to transmit the draft of a bill intended by its provisions to detect and prevent fraudulent entries at the Custom-houses, and he adheres to the opinion that the provisions therein embodied are necessary for the protection of the revenue. That invoices, representing fraudulent valuations of merchandise are daily presented to the custom-house is well known, and for the past year the Collector, Naval Officer and Surveyor of New-York have entertained suspicions that fraudulent collusions with officers employed in the Custom-house existed. Measures were taken by them to ascertain whether their suspicions were well founded. By persistent vigilance facts were developed which have led to the arrest of several parties and the ascertainment that a system of fraud had been successfully carried on for a series of years. These investigations are now being prosecuted under the immediate direction of the Solicitor of the Treasury, for the purpose of securing the punishment of those frauds and bringing the guilty parties to punishment. It is believed that the enactment at the last session of the bill referred to would have arrested, and, that its enactment now, will prevent hereafter, the frauds thus successfully practiced.

The increased and increasing labors and responsibilities devolved upon the Collector at New-York suggest the expediency of appointing an additional officer at that port, to be denominated the Assistant Collector, and authorized to act for the Collector during his necessary absence, and to perform such other duties as may be prescribed or approved by the Secretary of the Treasury. Provision should be made that the authentication of any lawful document shall entitle it to the same effect in the courts or otherwise as the signature of the Collector, and that his acts shall not impair the responsibility of the Collector, or of his sureties, to the Government.

The Exchange building, in the City of New-York, leased for three years for use as a Custom-house, has been altered, and, for some time partially occupied. The complete removal to it of the Custom officers will soon be accomplished. The whole of the old Custom-house building will be required by the Assistant Treasurer; and it will be necessary, therefore, either to purchase the rented building, or to erect another for Custom-house purposes. It is believed that it would be practicable to purchase an equally eligible site and erect an equally suitable edifice for the price fixed in the lease of the Exchange, and it is therefore recommended that the option to purchase at that price be availed of.

The administration of the hospital fund has been looked to with great care, and the expense of its distribution, it is believed, reduced to the most economical point. As has been before reported, the number of hospitals is in excess of the legitimate requirements of the service, and the Secretary repeats his recommendation of December last, that those least advantageously situated be disposed of on the most favorable terms. During the past year, all the hospitals under the control of this Department have, in whole or in part, been placed at the disposal of the War Department for the use of sick and disabled soldiers. This use, not originally contemplated, has been most opportune and beneficial.

Under the act authorizing payments in stamps, an arrangement was made with the Postmaster-General for a supply of postage stamps to be distributed for use in such payments. It was soon discovered, however, that stamps prepared for postage uses were not adapted to the purposes of currency. Small notes of equal amounts were therefore substituted, and the Secretary assumed the charge of preparation and distribution. With utmost efforts it was found impossible to keep pace with the public demand for this currency; and, although the daily issue has been rapidly increased to $100,000, and is being extended as fast as practicable to twice that amount, the supply is yet largely deficient. The whole demand, however, will be fully met as soon as possible.

With a view to test the practicability and economy of engraving and printing United States notes at the Department, under the act of July 11, 1861, the Secretary has contracted for paper, and has authorized the preparation of small notes as substitutes for revenue stamps, substantially like the small notes now substituted for postage stamps, and indulges the hope that results will commend his action to the approval of Congress, and that the necessary modification of the provisions relating to stamps and engraving will receive its sanction.

Some difficulties have been encountered in the practical execution of the act of last session, directing the monthly instead of quarterly rendition of disbursing officers' accounts, and then direct transmission to the accounting officers of the Treasury, without preliminary examination by the chiefs of the administrative bureaus and these difficulties, though not insuperable, may require some further legislation for their removal. But the reform sought by the act is important, and the purpose of accomplishing it should not be relinquished.

Statements in detail of the operations of the Department will be found in the reports of the heads of the several bureaus, and to whom the Secretary gladly acknowledges his obligations for most faithful and assiduous labors, by which the multiform business under his general charge, increased tenfold in consequence of the insurrection, has been carried on with a degree of success hardly believed to be attainable. The unprecedented increase in the volume and variety of accounts must necessarily require more clerical force and more room in order to the prompt settlement indispensably necessary to the protection of honest creditors, and to the security of the Government from fraud. These great objects, it is believed, may also be promoted by a modification of the existing arrangement of the bureaus, so as to bring all the accounts of each Department into one bureau instead of dividing them between several, as is now directed.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue has been organized under the act of last session, and is now actually engaged in the labors assigned to it. Collectors and assessors have been appointed in all the districts of the loyal States, and the revenue from the duties imposed by the law is steadily and rapidly increasing. In the absence of any statutory directions, he has assigned the settlement of the accounts of the Bureau to the Fifth Auditor and First Comptroller.

The Secretary invites particular attention to the remarks of the Third Auditor relative to payments for property lost or destroyed in the military service. He also respectfully suggests that authority be given to the Secretary to appoint Commissioners to examine and audit the claims of the several States now referred to that office for settlement.

The favorable consideration of Congress is respectfully invited to the requests of the Treasurer and of the Register for the appointment of a deputy in each of their bureaus. Of the necessity for such appointments no doubt is entertained.

The action of the supervising Inspectors of Steamboats, collectively as a Board, and individually in their respective districts, merits the approval of Congress. Their report, to which the Secretary invites attention, gives evidence of the value of their labors, while the comparative immunity from accidents secured by their vigilance attests the wisdom of the act under which their work is prosecuted.

The regulations directing the examination of applicants for appointment in the revenue cutter service, and making certificates of competency from the Board of Examiners prerequisites to commissions, tend manifestly to the improvement of the service, and will be adhered to. This service has become an essential arm of the Department in the execution of the laws. Its highest vigor and activity will especially be required so long as the present high rates of duty shall be required by the exigencies of the country. The Secretary hopes to be able to place it and fleeting of the utmost efficiency, without permitting its costs to exceed appropriations already made. The great [illegible] for the construction of steam vessels, not, as yet, permitted advantageous contracts for the additional revenue cutters authorized by Congress. Careful specifications however have been prepared, and the work will be proceeded with as soon as practicable.

For details of the operations of the Coast Survey will appear in the report of the Superintendent.

The services by which its great value was strikingly illustrated during the earlier months of the rebellion, have been continued with undiminished zeal and fidelity to the present time, and its general work has been pursued with as much activity and success as the peculiar demands made upon it by the circumstances of the country would allow.

Within the year, 43,000 copies of maps and charts have been furnished for naval vessels, and 2,000 to captains and pilots of Government transports, upon their personal application.

Its accustomed vigilant superintendence has been exercised by the Light-house Board over the light-houses, light-ships, buoys and beacons on the Northern and Pacific coasts; and especial attention has been directed to the restoration of those destroyed by the rebel enemies of the country. Numerous lights and beacons have been established on the coast of the insurgent region, and the restablishment of others will keep pace with the progress of the fleets and armies of the Republic. A confident expectation is indulged that along the whole coast will soon shine the old unbroken chain of lights, for the guidance of the mariner and the security of commerce.

All of which is most respectfully submitted to the intelligent consideration of Congress.

S. P. CHASE, Secretary of the Treasury.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

For the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1862.

RECEIPTS

The total receipts, including the balance in [illegible]

[illegible]

Total	[illegible]
Leaving balance in Treasury July 1, 1862, of	12,943,948 66
Total	[illegible]

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

For the year ending June 30, 1863.

The receipts and expenditures, as submitted for the current year, shows the actual transactions for the quarter ending 30th September last, and are estimated for the three remaining quarters. The basis of estimated expenditures is the appropriations already made and those asked for. From the aggregate amount is deducted the probable balance that will remain undrawn on the 1st July next, by which the amount actually required during the year is more accurately shown than it would otherwise be.

RECEIPTS.

Actual, first quarter, and estimated for three-quarters of the year ending June 30, 1863.

From customs:		
First quarter, (actual)	$52,041,726 58	
Second, third and fourth quarters (estimated)	45,000,000 00	[illegible]
From lands:		
Estimated, three-quarters	60,848 12	
Actual, one-quarter	22,181 04	83,029 16
From miscellaneous sources:		
Actual, one-quarter	561,679 06	
Estimated, three-quarters	1,625,237 94	2,186,916 22
From the direct tax:		
Actual, one-quarter	82,661 77	
Estimated, three-quarters	11,537,056 23	11,619,717 99
From internal duties:		
Actual, one-quarter	456,262 72	
Estimated, three-quarters	69,000,000 00	69,456,262 72
Aggregate receipts, actual and estimated from all sources other than from loans for the year		167,483,926 59
Balance in Treasury July 1, 1862		12,943,948 66
Total		[illegible]

EXPENDITURES.

The estimates being based upon appropriations made and asked for the current year, and including the balances of former appropriations unexpended on the 1st July last:

For the civil service, foreign intercourse and miscellaneous:		
First quarter, (actual)	69,436,907 23	
Second, third and fourth quarters, appropriated	27,607,697 66	
Appropriations asked for, (deficiency)	677,137 27	[illegible]
For Interior Department, Pensions and Indians:		
First quarter, (actual)	11,646,006 45	
Second, third and fourth quarters, appropriated	4,856,238 38	
Appropriations asked for, (deficiency)	10,040 13	[illegible]
For the War Department:		
First quarter, (actual)	[illegible]	
Second, third and fourth quarters, appropriated	[illegible]	
Appropriations asked for, (deficiency)	[illegible]	[illegible]
For the Navy Department:		
First quarter, (actual)	10,476,[illegible]	
Second, third and fourth quarters, appropriated	72,101,135 00	[illegible]
For interest on public debt:		
First quarter, (actual)	4,604,[illegible]	
Second, third and fourth quarters, required	20,436,[illegible]	[illegible]
Aggregate from all sources other than for principal of public debt		[illegible]
Of this amount of [illegible]		
[illegible]		
Add for public debt due and becoming payable during the year, as follows:		
Treasury notes, under act of March 3, 1857	[illegible]	
Certificates of indebtedness	[illegible]	
Temporary loan, act Feb. 25, 1862	[illegible]	
United States notes, act Feb. 25, (reissued)	2,000,000 00	
Three years' bonds	2,000 00	
United States notes, act 17th July, (reissued)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aggregate for the year		[illegible]
Deduct actual and estimated receipts from all sources other than loans for the year		[illegible]
Ask there remain to be met by loans		[illegible]

In addition to the sum of [illegible] on the debtor and creditor account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1862, there has been received [illegible]

[illegible]

For two year 6 per cent. notes, under act March 3, 1861	[illegible]
For three-year 7.30 notes	[illegible]
For 5.20 year 6 per cent. bonds	[illegible]
For Oregon war bonds	[illegible]
For United States Treasury notes, act Feb. 25, 1862	[illegible]
For temporary loan, act Feb. 25	[illegible]
For certificate indebtedness	[illegible]
For fractional currency	[illegible]
	[illegible]
And during October and November:	
For 3-year 7.30 bonds	[illegible]
For 5.20 year 6 per cent. bonds	[illegible]
For United States notes, under act Feb. 25, 1862	[illegible]
For fractional currency	[illegible]
For certificates indebtedness	[illegible]
For temporary loan	[illegible]
	[illegible]
Leaves still to be provided	[illegible]
The estimated additional receipts from sources under existing laws are	[illegible]
Showing a deficiency of	[illegible]
With the interest accruing on the same	

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The estimates for the year ending June 30, 1863.

From Customs	[illegible]
From Lands	[illegible]
From Miscellaneous sources	[illegible]
From Internal Duties	[illegible]
Aggregate	[illegible]

EXPENDITURES.

Balance of former appropriations estimated to be unexpended July 1, 1863	[illegible]
For civil service, foreign intercourse, and miscellaneous	[illegible]
For Interior Department, Indians and Pensions	[illegible]
For the War Department	[illegible]
For the Navy Department	[illegible]
For interest on public debt	[illegible]
Principal of public debt	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]
Of this amount of [illegible] may be safely estimated that there will remain undrawn on the 30th of June, 1863, the sum of	[illegible]
Aggregate for the year	[illegible]
The estimated receipts, as before stated, for that year, are placed at	[illegible]
Leaving to be provided for by loans the sum of	[illegible]

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

AMERICAN AID FOR ENGLISH OPERATIVES.

Over Sixty Thousand Dollars Subscribed—A. T. Stewart Gives Ten Thousand Dollars.

The Committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce yesterday to solicit subscriptions for the suffering British operatives, met yesterday afternoon to complete their arrangements. The following letter was received from Mr. A. T. Stewart:

NEW-YORK, Dec. 5, 1862.

MY DEAR MR. DUNCAN: It affords me great pleasure in reply to your note of yesterday, to inclose a check for ten thousand dollars, to be applied by the Committee appointed at a meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce, for the relief of the suffering operatives of Lancashire, whose present terrible privations can be secured by no other means than the complete ascendancy of the Union over the rebellious States, an object which the people of the United States will be certain to accomplish.

Yours very truly, ALEX. T. STEWART.

To Wm. E. Dunn, Esq.

The following additional subscriptions were made:

Grinnell, Minturn & Co.	[illegible]
Spofford, Tileston & Co.	[illegible]
Charlow Wood	[illegible]
R. H. Field	[illegible]
Caldwell & Morris	[illegible]
Henry Sass	[illegible]
A. T. Stewart	10,000
Total	[illegible]
Cash previously reported	[illegible]
Use of ship from Messrs. Grinnell	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]

The Committee have not yet begun to solicit subscriptions.

Movement among the British Residents—A Few Gentlemen Head the Subscription with $3,000.

Several of the leading British merchants are now making vigorous efforts to raise a large fund for the relief of the destitute operatives of England. A few days since an informal meeting was held at the British Consulate, and subsequently a Committee was formed for this charitable purpose. On Thursday another meeting was held, but the movement not being sufficiently known, there were only a few gentlemen present, who immediately subscribed $3,000 towards the object. A very large sum, however, will no doubt be subscribed, and it is intended to make the call for aid to the British residents in every part of this State, if not throughout the country.

The amount collected will be sent to a Committee in England, who will be empowered to purchase there whatever articles, food or otherwise, which the indigent workmen of Lancashire may require. Some of the British residents, while viewing favorably the exertions of our citizens to aid British workmen, in discussed in the meeting held at the Hall of the Chamber of Commerce, express the hope that those having charge of the purchase of food will not buy Indian Corn, as that article has been almost rejected by the poor of England and Ireland. Even in the days of the Irish famine, when large quantities of it were forwarded to Great Britain, the poor refused to use it, and much of it was thrown into the Thames. It is believed by one prominent gentleman conversant with the British movement, that notwithstanding the high rates of exchange, it would be better and more advantageous to transmit money than food to England.

Another meeting will be held in a few days at the British Consulate.

Teachers' Meeting—Death of Capt. Cooper.

A meeting of the Principals of the Ward Schools of this City was held on the 3d inst., at the Hall of the Board of Education, for the purpose of giving expression to their sentiments in reference to the death of their late associate, Capt. Cornelius A. Cooper, formerly Principal of Ward School No. 9. ARTHUR MERRITT, Esq., occupied the chair, and SAMUEL D. ALLISON, Esq., was Secretary.

Messrs. SCOTT, HARRISON, MERRITT and FISHBACK spoke in appropriate terms of the deeply mourned for the deceased as a man, as a teacher, and as a patriot soldier. The following resolutions were then adopted to be engrossed and published, and a copy sent to the family of the deceased:

Resolved, That, while humbly submitting to this afflictive dispensation of Providence, we mourn our loss in the death of our esteemed friend, Capt. CORNELIUS A. COOPER, the Martyrs, and late Principal of Ward School No. 9, of this City.

Resolved, That, for his stern integrity of character, his patriotic and chivalric devotion to duty, his kindness of heart, his social and domestic virtues, his family and his country have lost one of the best and most patriotic citizens.

Court of General Sessions.

PATRICK MCGUIGAN was yesterday put on trial for manslaughter in the first degree, in killing MICHAEL RYAN, in Water-street, in September last. It appeared from the testimony that the prisoner was passing along Water-street, in company with two friends, when he met the deceased and another person, and in passing them a collision occurred, whether intentional or not did not appear. An altercation ensued, ending in a fight, during which Ryan received a stab in the abdomen from the effects of which he died the same day. Two policemen stated that near, attempted the friends of the prisoner, but the prisoner himself said he had not given one, but threw something in the street. He was pursued and captured, and subsequently a pocket-knife, stained with blood, was found on the premises where the affray occurred. The jury had not returned a verdict at a late hour last evening, and there was little prospect of their agreeing.

MICHAEL SULLIVAN was tried and convicted of an assault upon HENRY DRUM, and remanded for sentence.

Correction.

The TIMES, of Friday, in noticing the arrest of Mr. Brown, stated that "Meeks," who made the arrest, was in the House of Incurable Insanity." Our report was incorrect; the offender is a "Park Rifle," whose "business is to prevent the escape of Colonel Monk" [illegible]

The New-York Times.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

We have no intelligence whatever from the headquarters of the Army of the Potomac this morning.

Gen. Scott, through the columns of the National Intelligencer, briefly and finally replies to Ex-President Buchanan, denying that he (Scott) has any private resentments to gratify, and stating that he has received many official contentions from the late President of the United States, but to vindicate justice and the truth of history is a paramount obligation. Gen. Scott then insists and shows that certain Southern States received an undue proportion of arms.

It is said that, among important papers recently seized by the Government, are notes of letters which passed between Gov. Moore, of Louisiana, and Jeff. Davis, about the second week of November. The Governor urged that the people of Louisiana should be allowed to trade with New-Orleans, exchanging cotton, sugar, &c., for some of the necessaries of life, for want of which there was the greatest suffering. Jeff. Davis refused, alleging that at present this was impossible, and that no such proposition could be entertained until after the 1st of January, when Mr. Lincoln's policy with regard to the emancipation policy might be more clearly developed. Gov. Moore replied that the people would not stand it until then; that the people were dying for want of those articles, and that they must have them at once. This letter closed with a defiance of Jeff. Davis' authority if it was not granted, and there the correspondence ended.

A letter dated Nashville, November 28, says: "Within the past two days, several of the brigades of this (the first) division, have been moved forward, and some are still moving in the direction of Lebanon, in this State. A few days ago the Second Minnesota, Eighteenth Regulars and Thirty-fifth Ohio, were advanced some twenty miles, for the purpose of holding one or two important points upon the Cumberland river. Although they frequently saw the enemy's cavalry, they remained unmolested. Since reaching their posts, they have been frequently threatened with an attack, but as yet I have not learned of any having been made upon them. Morgan's and Scott's Cavalry, however, are known to be in this section of the country, and you need not be surprised to hear of a sharp fight at any time. Gen. Rosecrans is constantly moving around among the troops, by all of whom his appearance is hailed with acclamations of joy. At present he is in the vicinity of Nashville, and from accounts which reach here, I should judge he is making things move."

Gen. Banks is securing the country around Murfreesboro and Shelbyville, Tenn., with foraging parties, who are ordered to leave but 120 pounds of meat in each family, taking all surplus meat for the rebel army.

A gentleman from Bedford County, Tennessee, says that in that county and in Lincoln, the conscripts are forming in companies, to take the woods and "bushwhack" the conscripting parties. A group of cavalry made an expedition into Lincoln County, to force the conscripts into the Confederate ranks, and were fired upon and driven back by the outraged and oppressed people whom they were endeavoring to drive into the rebel army. A regiment is organizing there for home protection against Gen. Bragg's emissaries.

Additional dispatches, received from Gen. Curtis at headquarters in St. Louis, state that the victory he won over the rebels at Cane Hill was even more overwhelming than at first reported. The rout was complete, and the loss heavy, on the rebel side—five to one of the Nationals. Quantrell and his band were in the fight.

Parson Brownlow suggests, by way of an offset to the demand for the surrender of Gen. McNeil, that President Lincoln instructs Gen. Rosecrans, at once, to demand a surrender of Bragg, whose army, on its late retreat from Kentucky, executed seventeen loyal men, among whom were Capt. King and his two sons.

It is currently reported among the Secessionists in St. Louis that Sterling Price has resigned from the Confederate service.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, a resolution was adopted calling upon the President for information regarding the late Indian massacres in Minnesota. The bill concerning judgments in certain suits brought by the United States, having been passed by the House, was referred to the Finance Committee. The report of the Secretary of the Treasury was handed in. The resolution offered by Mr. Sherman, on Thursday, calling for the correspondence, &c., relating to the Army of the Potomac, was passed. A bill repealing the law limiting the number of Major-Generals was referred. A resolution was adopted making inquiries as to the expediency of providing for a railroad from Washington to New-York, to carry the mails with security and dispatch. A resolution was adopted making inquiries as to the expediency of repealing that part of the Revenue law which imposes a tax upon powers of attorney for the collection of pensions, back pay and bounty for soldiers. Mr. Powell, of Kentucky, called up his resolution relating to arbitrary arrests in Kentucky, and it was adopted, after the insertion of the words "if not incompatible with the public interests." A resolution was adopted directing inquiry into the expediency of negotiating a treaty with the Indians of Southern Oregon and Northern California. The Senate then went into Executive Session, and subsequently adjourned until Monday.

In the House, Mr. Stevens, of Pennsylvania, desired to introduce a bill, of which he gave notice at the last session, confirming the acts of President Lincoln and other persons in suspending the writ of habeas corpus. After some debate the bill was temporarily withdrawn. A resolution regarding the number of sick and wounded soldiers, and directing an inquiry as to the system of furloughs and discharges, was passed. The Committee of Ways and Means was instructed to inquire as to the feasibility of modifying the tax law so that materials used in manufactures shall not be taxed twice. Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, offered a resolution, which was adopted, declaring that at no time has the Government been more able to put down the rebellion; and that it is the duty of all officers, soldiers and legislators, "cordially to strike the assassins at once who have conspired to destroy our existence." The vote on its passage was 145 to 1. The Committee on Indian Affairs was instructed to inquire into the causes generally of the Indian troubles in the Northwest. The correspondence showing the present condition of Mexican affairs was called for. The Report of the Secretary of the Treasury was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means. A resolution was adopted, calling for information concerning the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Cox, of Ohio, offered a resolution, declaring that the word "Assassin," in Mr. Mallory's resolution, should apply to all who have been instrumental in bringing on the war, and who are not in favor of the Constitution as it is and the Union as it was. It was tabled, 85 to 32. Mr. Vallandigham asked leave to offer a series of resolutions in the same vein, amendatory of those offered by Mr. Stevens on Thursday, but they were tabled. Mr. Allen, of Ohio, asked, but did not obtain, leave to offer a resolution regarding the importation of contrabands into that State. The House then adjourned until Monday.

GENERAL NEWS.

The steamships *China* and *City of Manchester* arrived at this port yesterday, bringing details of news of which we have had already a telegraphic summary. Our letters from Paris will command attention.

The Committee appointed to collect subscriptions for the starving British operatives, have already been promised over $60,000, and no contributions have been solicited yet. The Committee organized yesterday, and will doubtless obtain a much larger sum.

The Board of Aldermen met at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The Mayor transmitted, with his recommendation, an application from Maj. Gibson, for an appropriation to procure a large gun for artillery practice, the application being made in behalf of an organization which he commands, and whose object is harbor defence. It was referred to the Committee on National Affairs. The report of the Financial Committee, in favor of donating $5,000 to the St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, was taken up and adopted. An invitation to witness the launch of an iron-clad vessel from the foot of Eleventh-street, East River, at 9½ A. M., today, was accepted. The Board adjourned till 1 o'clock P. M., to-day.

The Board of Councilmen met at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The grant of land in Calvary Cemetery, by the trustees of St. Patrick's Cathedral, for the burial of Roman Catholic soldiers from this City who fall in the war, was accepted. The report in favor of donating $5,000 to the St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, was received from the Aldermen, and laid over under the rule. The resolution to give Gen. Sickles a sword, at a cost of $800, came up and elicited various remarks. It was brought to vote by the previous question. Mr. Jones voted no, because the General had sent a letter here in favor of Wadsworth for Governor. Mr. Green said the General regretted his course in that matter, and therefore he (Mr. G.) voted Aye. Mr. Finchney voted No, because it appeared that politics and not patriotism was the object of reward. The resolution was lost for want of a two-third vote, was afterward reconsidered, and then was laid over. The Committee on Markets reported in favor of purchasing the famous Fort Gansevoort property of James B. Taylor, for a market site, for $100,000, the City to assume the payment of the interest and principal of the mortgage upon it, and also to pay for filling up a part of the area of the land, which increases the cost to $533,439 50. The report was laid over, under the rule. Adjourned to Monday at 4 P. M.

The Post-office Department has an eye upon the parties who are so industriously engaged in the collection of defaced postage stamps, as they allege for the manufacture of paper mache. A special agent recently found in a village in the western part of this State, an accumulation of between fifty and sixty thousand stamps, which had been removed from letters to be sent as parties in this City, who had contracted for them. Those who gathered them were in good faith, but it is not so clear that this was the case with those to whom they were to be sent.

The severe cold of Tuesday night last froze over the Morris Canal from Rockaway to Stanhope, retarding the passage of canal boats (of which there were nearly one hundred loaded with coal) on their way to Jersey City. The ice was nearly a quarter of an inch in thickness.

In noticing the arrival of the last of the fishing fleet from the bay of St. Lawrence at that place (Gloucester, Mass.) *Telegraph* says the vessels this season have done well in point of quantity, all of them returning with full fares. The fish, however, have not been so good as usual. Notwithstanding this they have brought good prices. The shore mackerel have been unusually fine, and have commanded higher rates than those brought from the bay.

At the late State election in Delaware, 24,264 votes were cast, of which Fraenciar received 12,132, Encrox, 7,419, and Earhart, 706. Hermann W. Johnson has been elected to the Confederate Senate, over A. H. Gardiner. He is at present a member of the other House. A law will be passed forbidding the planting of cotton and the distillation of grain.

Gen. Hiram Walbridge is named as a probable successor to the Military Governorship of Washington. Gen. Marshfield now occupies the post temporarily.

Some complicated machinery for minting purposes has been constructed in Philadelphia, for a Mexican company, at a cost of fifteen thousand dollars.

The New-Jersey Editorial Association held a meeting in Trenton on Thursday, and after debate resolved to increase advertising rates in their respective journals, to exact payment for matter, not news, which had before been inserted gratuitously, and to recommend the adoption of advance payments for newspaper subscriptions.

Under the stress of the times the Paterson *Register* has been obliged to submit to the use of brown paper for the regular daily issue.

In the case of the People vs. Mauch, convicted of keeping a disorderly house, the General Term of the Supreme Court have ordered a new trial, holding that representation, rumor, hearsay, &c., is not competent evidence upon which to convict of criminal offences—that particular acts should be proven to show the character of a house charged with being disorderly.

There was a sudden and considerable decline in Stocks and Gold yesterday, on the Stock Exchange, at first attributed to peace rumors from Richmond, but subsequently traced to the disappointment growing out of the financial recommendations of Mr. Secretary Chase. Gold left off 1½ @ 2½ per cent.

Breadstuffs were quiet and depressed, yesterday, the decline in Gold and Sterling Exchange having affected the market unfavorably. A fair demand prevailed for Provisions, Hay, Hides, Spices, Tallow, Ingot Copper, Whisky and Foreign Liquors. Sugars, Hops, Tobacco, Fish, Fruit, Leather, Molasses, Seeds, Salt, Saltpetre and Wool were in moderate request. Rio Coffee was more active, at uniform rates. Light freight engagements were reported.

The New Movement Upon Richmond.

It would, perhaps, be unwise for us to speculate on the details of the plan by which the General-in-Chief expects to capture Richmond. But, we see nothing to forbid our noticing the speculations of the rebel press on the same subject. We copied yesterday morning a letter from Richmond to the Grenada (Miss.) *Appeal*, dated November 19th, in which the writer gave it as his opinion that the new attack upon Richmond was to be made *from the south side*, up the James River and from Weldon; and that the mission of the Army of the Potomac whether under McClellan or Burnside, was to amuse and detain the main body of the Rebel Army on the Rappahannock or Rapidan. He mentioned several incidents which led him to the opinion, that the Federal movements in the neighborhood of Culpepper were merely a feint—intended to direct attention from the serious attempt upon the rebel Capital from another quarter.

It is no part of our purpose to confirm or deny the correctness of this opinion. But in our judgment *the rebels are acting upon it*. We do not believe that the rebels under Gen. Lee intend in force to dispute the crossing of the Rappahannock. On the contrary, we think they have already fallen back toward Richmond, and put themselves in position to march rapidly to the defence of that capital, if it should be attacked from the south, or to withstand the army of Burnside, if he should advance upon it from the north. In other words, the rebels intend to keep the main body of their army between the two divisions of ours, and equidistant from both—so as to move against either as circumstances may require. This is substantially what they did during McClellan's campaign. They did it successfully then, partly in consequence of the sluggishness of our movements, and partly because our Government fell an easy victim to the tricks by which they sought to deceive and mislead it. They will be equally successful now unless our Government has learned something by experience, and unless Burnside is more sagacious in his judgment, and more rapid in his movements, than McClellan was on the Chickahominy.

Burnside on the Rappahannock is in great danger of being fooled by the strategy of the rebels, just as McClellan was in front of Manassas, in front of Yorktown, and on the banks of the Potomac after the battle of Antietam. In each of those three cases the rebels retreated in the face of his large and powerful army—leaving just force enough behind them to delude him into inactivity. They may be, and in our opinion are, playing precisely the same game with Burnside on the Rappahannock. If their whole army should await his attack there, they would either be defeated or demoralized, and for the time disabled by a great battle. In either case Richmond would be defenceless; and an army advancing against it from the south would meet with certain success. They will, therefore, do no such thing. *They will retreat and avoid a battle. If Burnside were to* cross to-day, in our opinion, he would encounter nothing but the rear guard of the rebel army. If he delays, Lee's whole force will escape him, and rush within defending distance of the rebel capital.

In our opinion, therefore, it is of the utmost importance that Burnside should push immediately forward and attack the enemy. If he defeats them, the fate of Richmond and the rebellion is sealed. If he is defeated, he can at least inflict such losses upon the rebels as will most seriously impede their march to the defence of Richmond, and leave it open to the powerful attack which, in the opinion of the rebel writer we have quoted, is directed against it from Weldon and Suffolk. If he is right in his conjecture, and a combined attack of this sort is really designed by the Government, it is pretty clear that Gen. Banks, who left this port day before yesterday, is to join the forces already assembled for the Southern movement.

We presume we shall hear something more of this matter within the next three days.

Our Relations with France.—We scarcely need direct attention to the letters of our intelligent and well-informed Paris correspondent. He gives what we have good reason for regarding as a just and accurate explanation of the motives of the French Emperor in offering to join England and Russia in soliciting an armistice between the Government of the United States and the rebels who are seeking its overthrow. That explanation confirms the opinion we have already expressed, that this offer ought not to be considered *hostile to the North*.

We repeat what we have already said, that, in our judgment, France has no sympathy whatever with the attempt of the South to break up the Union. All her interests are involved in the maintenance of the United States as a first-class naval Power. We have never been hostile to her; our interests do not bring us into commercial rivalry;—we have no such relations as to render it probable that we should ever come in conflict with her. Besides, such a conflict would be dangerous to the internal peace of France and the stability of the Imperial throne, because it would be a war on her part against a Democratic Republic,—and such a war can never be made popular in France. Whatever may be their diplomatic relations, France and England are rival nations, and Napoleon will never disabile the only Power on which he could ever count for aid in a conflict with Great Britain.

Our correspondent has therefore, in our opinion, given the real explanation of the recent offer of France. *It was a measure of internal politics.* It looked to the necessities and impatience of the French people, and not at all to the merits or incidents of the American war. France cares not one straw about our war except from its bearing on her own interests. She seeks to make peace with her own people, to get through the coming Winter, which must be one of suffering to her manufacturing population, without domestic commotion, and without a renewal of the attempts upon the life of the Emperor.

We regard this offer of Napoleon, and its rejection by England and Russia, as likely to put an end to all projects of intervention for some time to come. It has answered his purpose, by displaying to his own people his anxiety to restore their prosperity by restoring their cotton. There will be no excuse for renewing it until the close of the new campaign against the rebel States. And when that comes we trust the condition of the country will be such as to render all thought of intervention utterly out of the question.

The National Finances.

The Report of Mr. Secretary Chase is able in argument and comprehensive in its review of the great resources of the country for the support of the Public Debt, if not in all its recommendations sufficiently clear and practical. Some of these, in respect to the best means of raising Money for the prosecution of the War, and looking to the establishment of a system of voluntary banking under Federal authority, are mere repetitions of his previous Annual Report. He adds, to be sure, to his banking scheme the suggestion of making all local or State Banks which consent to a registered circulation on the pledge of United States stocks at the Department in Washington, Banks of deposit for the Treasury. In doing this he would not repeal the Sub-Treasury system, but simply hold out an inducement for banking under National authority, by the employment of the National stocks as the basis of security. A privilege to this tenor was voted by the present Congress as early as the 5th of August, 1861, before the suspension of specie payments; but, after due consideration, Mr. Chase declined to avail himself of this clause in the supplemental Loan act of that date, beyond leaving with the Banks the avails of his loans made, in gross, for a short time, and then transferring them in specie to the Sub-Treasury. He never checked to the public creditors or the disbursing officers of the Government directly upon the Banks, and as the provision on the subject was left to his choice or discretion, it was never made part of the machinery of the Treasury. The provision now stands virtually repealed by the suspension of payments in specie.

In his Report of December last, the Secretary expressed his reluctance to employing United States Notes as a circulation for the relief or support of the Treasury. The alternatives named were similar to those now presented. He is therefore entirely consistent with himself, so far as his mere recommendations go, in repeating his Bank plan, with the amendment adverted to, and in suggesting the direct sale of the Public Stocks or the further employment of 7.30 or 3.65 per cent. Treasury Bonds.

After the suspension of specie payments last Winter, the Secretary yielded his graceful assent to the plan of the Committee of Ways and Means for substituting a National circulation of United States Notes for employment by the Treasury and the convenience of the people. It was passed accordingly, *and worked so admirably well, that early in* July, on his own recommendation, the authority to issue such Notes was doubled by Congress. In his present Report he ably vindicates this policy against the charge that it has unduly appreciated the price of Gold, and asserts a degree of success in its practical operation, which its warmest original advocates should be proud of. He would continue this National circulation even to the extent of compelling its substitution for the present Bank circulation, (by imposing a stamp tax on the latter,) but he would have it take a different form. He would have the Banks already incorporated and now once to be organized under Federal authority, purchase the Stocks of the United States and pledge them at the Department for a uniform registered circulation, bearing the same stamp of nationality as the United States Notes of lawful tender, and alike *receivable for all public dues except payments* into the Custom-House for Imports and payments out of the Treasury for *Interests*. We have heretofore questioned the practicability of the Banking scheme, as thus presented. We do so, perhaps, more from a *New-York* standpoint, where the State has already provided a different system with which the whole business of the community is interwoven and with which our people are abundantly satisfied, than from any objection which would apply immediately to the loyal States. But we apprehend that questions of the same delicate nature which have already been raised by the New-York State Superintendent of Banking, would grow out of the experiment in other States, though on this point the Representatives of the people from these States, in Congress, are probably the best judges.

The Secretary is candid enough to say that little direct aid to the Treasury is to be expected from the Banking scheme, even if adopted, during the present fiscal year, "nor very much, perhaps, during the next year." The question of raising money is therefore resolved into a further issue of United States Notes, to which he plainly expresses his opposition, unless great public emergencies should demand it, or to the sale of 5-20 year six per cents in the open market, or to a longer six per cent. Stock, to which he is decidedly opposed, in view of the future cheapness of capital and high price of Government credit, when a lower rate could be made, or, as an alternative which he could prefer, over long date 6 per cents, or an increased issue of United States Notes, the issue of 7.30 per cents, three years to run, and 3.65 per cents of small denomination, convertible into 5-20 year stock. This conclusion will doubtless create much disappointment, perhaps no little surprise, but the honesty and conservatism of the Secretary will scarcely be questioned, or his solicitude to limit within all proper bounds the too free use of Treasury paper for circulation seriously doubted. If the effect upon the Money Market or upon speculation in Stock values and Gold Coin should be depressing, the chance is that the same cause will react upon other values which enter more nearly and generally into the business of the country and the cost of living, and so long as the conduct of the War be not embarrassed for the want of means, or the Public Credit too greatly sacrificed in raising such means, these other consequences may not only be borne with patience, but in some sense, welcomed for their restraining influence.

The Expedition of Gen. Banks.

It has already been announced in all the newspapers, that Gen. Banks set sail on Thursday, on his long talked of Southern expedition. He takes with him, so it is said, some 20,000 soldiers, more or less, with subsistence stores and war munitions of the lighter kind; but no horses or heavy artillery. Gen. Banks was about five weeks in New-York, fitting out his expedition. He met with innumerable and unexpected delays; and the interest in his movement, which was very lively when he reached here, almost died out before he got away. The General worked with patient and indefatigable zeal in his enterprise, carefully avoiding all public displays, and keeping the secret of his destination with modest and masterly silence. He has been rewarded with final success in his tedious preparations, and is now, with his prow turned Southward, buffeting the waves of an inhospitable coast, to meet at length, perhaps, when his haven is reached, a more inhospitable reception.

We should not announce, if we knew, the proposed theatre of Gen. Banks' operations. It was early published, in a quarter aspiring to official recognition, that the expedition was destined for Texas. And there were indications about that time, such as the fresh interest inspired in Texas by the escape thence of Col. Hamilton, and his subsequent appointment as Military Governor of that State, that the Government designed to "occupy and possess" a country which seemed to offer rare opportunities of working out one of the most difficult problems of the rebellion. But if the revelation were true, it was most unfortunate. Why advise the enemy of our plans at the very moment of their inception?

Latterly, there have been frequent intimations from Washington, that Texas is not the destination of the Banks Expedition. It has been broadly hinted, in several instances, that his fleet would soon be seen in the well-known waters of the James and York Rivers, and that there the force would be debarked, and cooperate in the second siege of Richmond. In addition to this recast of his movement, it has also been suggested that not Virginia nor Texas, but South Carolina is the real object of his invasion, and that Charleston is at last to be brought to judgment for hatching the adder's egg of treason.

Being left to our own conjectures on this subject, we confess it is difficult to find a reasonable solution of the doubts presented. It is not likely that so large a mass of green troops as Gen. Banks has—not one company of them having ever been under fire—will be taken into the heart of Virginia to assail the *drilled troops of the rebel army*, fighting behind the formidable defences of Fort Darling and the forts surrounding Richmond. If the design had been to cooperate with Burnside, and the latter were threateningly near Richmond on the north, the plan would be a strong one.

Equally unsound is the theory that Gen. Banks is about to operate against Charleston. The force at Beaufort would have to cooperate in that case; but Gen. Hunter, the Chief of that Department, is quietly resting at Washington, holding court-martials on delinquent brother officers.

If Texas be the object of Gen. Banks' expedition, we cannot but consider its fitting-out here one of the hugest blunders of the war. The trip on transports at this season would be rough, dangerous and cruel to the volunteers who are all landsmen. And the cost would be four-fold what it ought to be to send an army to Texas. The true road to Texas is overland from Missouri. Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas should furnish the volunteers for the work. Texas, itself, would furnish the needed subsistence.

It appears to our view of the case that if the expedition be really going to the far South, it would be a happy surprise if all conjectures hitherto offered proved wrong, and that *Florida* is the place which Gen. Banks is to occupy and hold. The same political and social results may be fairly obtained there that Texas was regarded favorable to the development of. Immediate hold and practical results could be got more cheaply there than in Texas.

But there are other points not so far away as either Charleston, Florida or Texas, and where the rebels are not so well prepared as they are on the James River, to which the expedition may be bound, and where operations would have a very important bearing upon the manœuvres and fate of the main rebel army. We should not be surprised if Gen. Banks turned up in a quarter which few have yet conjectured. But we will not have a very long time to wait now for information. Our first knowledge of the whereabouts and aims of the expedition will probably in this, as in former instances, come to us from the rebels.

Public Debt—Present and Prospective.

The estimate of the Public Debt, in the last Annual Report of the Secretary, was in the purport that the total at the close of the fiscal year, June 30, 1862,

Would be about	$517,772,000
The actual result was	524,811,971

With a balance in the Treasury on the 1st of July of $13,042,545, which, the report states, would about cover the outstanding claims against the Treasury not then paid. The estimate, therefore, was exceedingly accurate, reflecting credit upon the creditor and foresight of the head of the Department. The Secretary, however, does not hope for so successful an estimate of the Public Debt at the close of the current fiscal year, ending 30th of June, 1863. In his last Annual Report he placed the figure at | $517,772,000 |
| He now apprehends it will be | 1,100,000,000 |
| The difference is | $582,228,000 |

This is to be ascribed to the very considerable enlargement of both the Army and Navy establishments, compared with the basis upon which the estimates of last Winter were made to Congress.

The estimates for the succeeding fiscal year, ending 30th June, 1864, are made upon the conjectural basis that the War is to continue nineteen months from the present time, and of course they assume the widest contingent range demanded by the enlarged Military and Naval establishments. The gross figures result in running up the Public Debt to the sum of $1,744,000,000, after allowing the probable revenues of the year from Customs, the Internal Tax and Miscellaneous, estimated together at $320,000,000.

These demands and estimates must be provided for by the present Congress, whose last session will terminate on the 4th of March, assuming that the Administration desires to avoid an early call of the new Congress. This they will scarcely do with a working majority now in both Houses, and the prospect of an Opposition majority in the next House of Representatives. The loans wanted, therefore, in some shape for the service of the next eighteen or nineteen months, provided the war is to continue, are:

For remainder of current fiscal year ending June 30, 1863	$570,000,000
For the next fiscal year	530,000,000
Together	$1,100,000,000

Or, in round numbers, *one hundred millions*, of which nearly *three hundred millions* are indispensable before the 30th June next, over and above the accruing revenues, Import and Excise, and the unexhausted authority to issue United States Notes and Postal currency. To the various alternatives for raising these Loans, and the preferences on the subject of the Secretary himself, we have adverted in another place. That the present Congress will see to it that they are speedily and successfully raised, we entertain very little doubt.

Differences of views, if such exists between the Finance Committees of the two Houses and the head of the Treasury, will be harmonized as they were last Winter; and while this conclusion may, we think, be safely relied upon, all praise is due to the Secretary for the convincing proofs presented in the following extract from his report of the comparative ability, as contrasted with the peace establishments of other great Powers, of the United States to support a war debt during the war, and to pay it afterward:

"No country, (argues Mr. Chase,) possesses the true elements of a higher credit—no country, in ordinary times, can maintain a higher standard of currency and payment than the United States.

"The Government is less costly than that of most other great Powers. The expenditures of the current fiscal year, excluding those of the War and Navy Departments, can hardly equal those of the last year, which amounted to $84,811,476 66. Estimating those of these departments at double the expenditures of the last year before the rebellion, they would for the current year, had the war ended before last Midsummer, as was anticipated at the date of the last report, amount to the sum of $[illegible], 604 49. The interest on the public debt is for the current year estimated at $[illegible], and will not probably go over that sum. The whole expenditures of the Government for the current year, on the supposition of peace, would, therefore, not exceed $[illegible]. This aggregate must be increased hereafter by the addition of interest on the loans of the current and future years, and by pensions, the precise amount of which cannot be foreseen. Estimate the former at fifty and the latter at ten millions a year, and the total annual expenditures in peace will reach, shifting fractions, to $165,000,000. The expenditures of Great Britain during the year ending March 31, 1862, were $[illegible]; those of France for 1862, according to French official estimates, will reach $[illegible], and the annual expenses of Russia, according to the most accessible information, do not fall far short of $[illegible].

"To meet our annual expenditures, and to insure beyond contingency the punctual discharge of the interest of the public debt, and the creation of a sinking fund for its reduction, Congress has provided a revenue from customs even now reaching nearly seventy millions a year, and a revenue from internal duties which will not probably fall short of one hundred and fifty millions a year.

"Without reckoning any other resources than those already provided, the revenue, therefore, will annually exceed the expenditures by fifty-five millions, which sum may be used for the reduction of the public debt. If, then, the war shall be continued, contrary to hope and expectation, to the summer of 1864, and the public debt shall reach the utmost limit now anticipated of seventeen hundred and fifty millions of dollars, the excess of revenue will reduce that debt, during the first year of peace, more than three per cent."

How Reverdy Johnson is Urged, Status Commissioner in New-Orleans.—We copy in another column from the *National Intelligencer* a card from Hon. Reverdy Johnson, in reply to statements made by our New-Orleans correspondent concerning his action as United States Commissioner in New-Orleans. It was stated in our correspondent's letter that a sum of $405,000, which had been seized by Gen. Butler while in the hands of the French Consul, and which, on Mr. Johnson's recommendation, was repaid to the Bank of New-Orleans for the French citizens by whom it was claimed, had actually been handed over to agents of the Confederate Government, and disbursed in its service. The implication of the letter was that Mr. Johnson had been completely deceived in the matter, and had been made the instrument of replacing this amount of money in the service of the rebellion, from which Gen. Butler had rescued it.

Mr. Johnson meets this statement conclusively by saying that the claim of French citizens to the money in question was never before him, and that, of course, he had nothing to do

with his report. He gives a clear and explicit history of the two cases which were submitted to him, and of the grounds upon which his decision in each was based.

That Mr. Johnson was fairly amenable to the imputations contained in the letter of our correspondent, we cannot, after his statement on the subject, for a moment believe. That those imputations had their origin in the motives which he alleges—namely, a desire to cover up corrupt transactions of officials in Gen. BUTLER'S Department—may be true; though his attacks on the personal character of our correspondent are utterly uncalled for, and the more wanton, as he professes to have nothing beyond rumor for a knowledge of his identity. It is quite possible that our correspondent may have been misled by false information into doing Mr. Johnson very great injustice; but if so, we have no hesitation in saying that he will be prompt in seeking and applying a remedy. For our own part, we have only to say that Mr. Johnson's character and antecedents render it absurd to suppose for a moment that he can have been intentionally a party to any betrayal of the interests or rights of the Government which he served.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

The House Committee of Ways and Means Amending the Tax Bill.

SEVENTY-FIVE MORE GENERALS WANTED

Important Work Progressing in Congress.

OUR OFFICIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Dec. 5, 1862.

THE TAX BILL.

The Committee of Ways and Means had an extended session, to-day, on the Tax bill, and agreed to a number of important amendments. Another meeting will be held on Monday, to consider Mr. CHASE'S report and enter upon the discussion of an adequate scheme of finance.

THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

The statistics of the Treasury Department show the traverse in the exports from the Loyal States for the current year to be sixty-five millions over those of 1861. The tables designed to accompany the Secretary's report will not be ready for publication under about two weeks.

NOMINATIONS.

The President to-day sent to the Senate a large list of names for promotion in the Naval service, and also the names of BENJAMIN S. ISHERWOOD, as Chief of Bureau of Engineering, and LENTHAL, as Chief of Bureau of Construction. Both of these nominations were rejected last session, and probably neither will now be ratified.

MORE GENERALS NECESSARY.

Senator WILSON'S bill, introduced to-day, from the Senate Military Committee, to repeal the law of last session, limiting the number of General officers in the volunteer service, is made necessary by the increase of the army calling for additional appointments of brigade and division commanders. To the list now authorized by law, the President desires to add about seventy-five more, most of whom are already selected.

THE HOUSE MILITARY COMMITTEE.

The vacancy in the Chairmanship of the House Military Committee, occasioned by the resignation of Gen. BLAIR, was filled to-day by the election of Hon. ADAM GREY. The efficiency of Mr. GREY renders this choice no less an advantage to the country than a compliment well deserved by himself.

WHITE-HOUSE RECEPTIONS.

The announcement recently made, that no receptions will be held during the Winter at the White House, is an error, and arose from a statement that no receptions will be held by Mrs. LINCOLN. The President's receptions will commence as usual after the holidays.

RAILROAD BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND NEW-YORK.

Senator SUMNER, to-day, introduced the following important resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Post-offices and Post-roads be directed to consider the expediency of providing for an air-line railroad between Washington and New-York, which shall carry the mails of the United States with certainty and dispatch, and shall be free from all local impediments.

THREE GEN. SIGEL'S HEADQUARTERS.

A dispatch received this evening from Gen. SIGEL'S headquarters, at Fairfax, locates a considerable rebel force at Brister Station. Rebel cavalry to-day came as far as Manassas Junction. These bands are probably reconnoitering parties, seeking information in regard to Gen. BURN'S movements, and perhaps intended to keep up the belief of a rebel force threatening his lines.

GEN. POPE'S EVIDENCE.

The salient point in the evidence of Gen. POPE to-day in the Porter Court-martial, was his statement that his distrust of Gen. PORTER was first excited by President LINCOLN'S caution, after the battle of Bull Run, that he had seen letters written from that officer to General BURNSIDE, in which language was used that seemed incompatible with the feeling necessary to secure cordial support of a commander by his subordinates. The President at that time cautioned Gen. POPE to "keep an eye on PORTER." Gen. McCLELLAN'S letter to Gen. PORTER, put in evidence yesterday, in which he begs the latter to give to Gen. POPE all possible support, was written, as the date shows, several days after the battle in which Gen. PORTER is charged with failing to yield that support, and is open to the suspicion of having been prepared for the purpose of counteracting the impression then growing, that Gen. POPE had been sacrificed by a conspiracy.

GEN. M'CLELLAN.

Gen. McCLELLAN'S arrival to testify in the McDowell case is again announced for to-morrow. While there he is expected to be the guest of Col. SAWTELLE, though offered the hospitalities of Willard's Hotel.

THE ARRESTS IN KENTUCKY.

Mr. POWELL'S resolution stirring up the Administration on the subject of the military prisoners confined in Kentucky passed the Senate to-day, after Mr. CLARK had very neatly extracted its sting by an amendment. The inquiries of the South-side Border State operatives in Congress are truly a "pursuit of knowledge under difficulties."

A SOLDIER EXECUTED.

JOHN CONRAD KESSLER, a private in Company K, One Hundred and Third New-York Volunteers, was executed to-day, in pursuance of the sentence of Court-martial, in the old Capitol Prison yard, for the murder of Lieut. LOGUE, of the same company. He died like a man, firmly, justifying his deed as an act of self-defence, and declaring that he died happy.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Dec. 5.

THE M'DOWELL COURT OF INQUIRY.

In the McDowell Court of Inquiry to-day, the defence offered the testimony of Col. ROGERS to prove that the witness examined yesterday was a man wholly without good reputation, having been engaged in attempting frauds against the Government, and the testimony was ruled out by the Court, when Gen. McDOWELL entered a protest against the proceeding. Gen. HENTHERMAN now testified to the entire temperance of Gen. McDOWELL from the use of wines and liquors, and directly contrary to the evidence of the preceding witness.

THE ABUSES AT CAMP CONVALESCENT.

The Committee on the Conduct of the War, at its meeting to-day, appointed Representatives COVODE, GOOKIN and DUELL a Sub-Committee to investigate the alleged abuses at Camp Convalescent; also, the condition of the wounded and sick soldiers, with a view to the immediate discharge of those who may be found to be permanently disabled or unfit for duty. The Committee will also investigate the subject of discharges of officers and men from the army, without proper authority; and the conduct of army surgeons, and their treatment of men committed to their care. They will also recommend the adoption of stringent measures to promote the efficiency of the army.

THE PORTER COURT-MARTIAL.

In the Porter Court-martial case, Gen. PORTER was cross-examined for a long time by the counsel for the Defendant, Tuesday, the question asked Gen. PORTER was, why he had expressed to Gen. FOSTER two days after his alleged disobedience of orders, his determination not to report him for delay, or to take any action looking to his impeachment. To this question Gen. PORTER answered, he did not think Gen. FOSTER deliberately withheld his troops from him; but that this idea probably originated in a mistake or blunder.

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GEORGES—BUTLER.—In Hartford, Conn., on Tuesday, Dec. 2, by Rev. Mr. Collins, SAMUEL G. GEORGES, of this City, and ANNIE W., daughter of Dr. John S. Butler, of the former City.

MURDOCK—PAYNE.—In this City, on Thursday, Dec. 4, by Rev. Dr. Storrs, FRANCIS AWSTON MURDOCK to JEANNIE INGERSOLL, daughter of James Paine, Esq.

MEARES—BIRDSALL.—On Thursday, Dec. 4, at St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, by Rev. Dr. Cutler, A. O. MEARES, of this City, to Miss SARAH BIRDSALL, of Brooklyn.

DIED.

BARRY.—In this City, on Thursday morning, Dec. 4, after a long and painful illness, Mrs. EMMA J., wife of Robert A. Barry, M. D., of No. 641 4th-st., aged 38 years, 4 months and 2 days.

The friends and relatives of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, on Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, from the Eleventh Presbyterian Church, (Rev. Dr. Hovey,) corner of Avenue C and 6th-st. The remains will be taken, on the following morning, to Yonkers, for interment.

BRUSH.—In Brooklyn, on Wednesday, Dec. 3, ANN MARIA TUCK, wife of Jesse Brush.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, on Sunday, the 7th inst., at 3 o'clock, from her late residence, No. 29 1st-place.

CONKLIN.—In the Union Hospital, Georgetown, D. C., JAMES L. CONKLIN, Corporal, Company F, 86th-regiment Penn. Vols., the only son of Peleg C. Conklin, in the 27th year of his age.

The funeral services will be held at the Methodist Church, corner of Cook and Bushwick-av., on Sunday, the 7th inst., at 2 o'clock. The friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

☞ Long Island papers please copy.

CROMWELL.—In this City, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 3, after a short illness, MARIA W., wife of Edward Cromwell, and daughter of the late Wm. Birdsall, aged 24 years and 6 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral on Saturday, 6th inst., at 1½ o'clock P. M., from her late residence, No. 106 East 27th-st.

DICKINSON.—On Friday morning, Dec. 5, after a painful illness, Capt. JEREMIAH J. DICKINSON, aged 67 years.

The friends of the family, also the members of the Marine Society and Alpha Chapter O. U. A., are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 110 Sullivan-st., on Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. His remains will be interred in Greenwood Cemetery.

FRANCIS.—On Friday evening, Dec. 5, of membranous croup, JENNIE BROWER, daughter of Mary Francis and the late H. S. Francis, aged 5 years and 4 months.

Funeral will take place from the residence of her grandmother, Mrs. Mary A. Brower, No. 201 West 14th-st. Due notice will be given of funeral.

GIDDINGS.—In Brooklyn, on Thursday morning, Dec. 4, of consumption, MARY L., wife of Silas M. Giddings, and daughter of Oliver Holden, aged 30 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 24 Schermerhorn-st., on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 2 o'clock P. M.

GRAHAM.—In Brooklyn, on Friday, Dec. 5, PHILIP GRAHAM, aged 10 years and 8 days.

Notice of funeral in future paper.

ISAACS.—In Philadelphia, on Wednesday, Dec. 3, CHARLOTTE O. ISAACS, daughter of the late Solomon M. Isaacs, of New-York.

HILLY.—In Brooklyn, on Friday morning, Dec. 5, of heart disease, ANNA, wife of Theophilus Hilly, (MANAGER, WIFE of David Kelly, aged 35 years.

The friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral, on Sunday, the inst., at 10 o'clock, from the Church of the Redeemer, corner of Monroe-place and Clark-st.

MERRILL.—In this City, on Thursday morning, Dec. 4, suddenly, LUCIAN MERRILL, only daughter of Melville H. and Laura F. Merrill, aged 2 years and 7 months.

The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, on Saturday, the 6th inst., at 1 o'clock, from the residence of her father, No. 118 Up-st.

MUNROE.—At Newark, N. J., on Thursday, Dec. 4, JANE, widow of Garret Kyle, in the 81st year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, at 11 o'clock, Saturday morning.

OLIVER.—In this City, on Friday evening, Dec. 5, C. F. OLIVER, aged 32 years.

Funeral services will take place from his late residence, No. 228 West 23d-st., to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon, at 1 o'clock. The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend, without further notice. His remains will be taken to New-Haven on Monday morning for interment.

VALENTINE.—At the residence of his son-in-law, Robert Morrison, No. 320 West 26th-st., on Friday, Dec. 5, Dr. JAMES T. VALENTINE, in the 69th year of his age.

Notice of the funeral in to-morrow's paper.

WOOD.—NICOLL.—At Washingtonville, Orange Co., N. Y., on Wednesday, Dec. 3, by Rev. Luther Halsey, D. D., JOHN B. WOOD, formerly of Jersey City, to Miss JULIANA T. NICOLL.

WARDEN.—In this City, on Thursday, Dec. 4, of his residence, No. 79 Lexington-av., after a severe illness, of disease of the heart, SOLOMON WARDEN, in the 56th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family, also the members of Montague Lodge, No. 217, F. and A. M., are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, Saturday afternoon, at 1 o'clock, P. M. His remains will be interred in Greenwood for interment.

☞ Monmouth County, N. J., papers please copy.

WATSON.—Killed, instantly, at the battle of Antietam, on Wednesday, Sept. 17, JAMES HOBART WATSON, Company A, Ninth Regiment, (Skirmisher Zouaves,) aged 23 years, 2 months and 12 days.

The funeral will take place from the residence of his parents, No. 10 Spring-st., on Sunday, the 7th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M. The relatives and friends of the family, also the members of Company D, Seventy-first Regiment N. Y. S. M., also those of his regiment now in the City, are respectfully invited to attend.

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THE PEOPLE'S WEEKLY; THE NEW-YORK ERA, for Dec. 6, contains an original poem by Gen. FRANCIS FRAIN, with a ringing letter; an original poem by Mrs. Lieut.-Gen. SCOTT; sketch of Hon. Gilbert Dean; quaint poem by Miss Grey; new story by Harry Halcyon; humorous articles by Josh Billings; reading for the military and firemen; the episodic and sentimental features of the Boards of Supervisors, Aldermen and Councilmen; musical matters and dramatic doings, etc. Inquire at the News Depôts.
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If they ever perate these pages, my friends and acquaintances will find therein what during those horrible national trials, was a subject of our confidential conversations and discussions, and is intimately bound up with a subject of repeated forebodings and warnings. Perhaps these pages may in some way explain a phenomenon almost unexampled in history—that twenty millions of people, brave, highly intelligent, and possessed of all the wealth of modern civilization, were, if not virtually overpowered, at least so long kept at bay by a handful of million of rebels.
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NEW-YORK, Aug. 20, 1862.
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As I am a resident of New-Orleans, and a stranger in the City, intending to stay but a short time longer, I make reference to Messrs. Sturges, Bennet & Co., No. 125 Front-st., and to Mr. J. E. Fisher, No. 20 Park-row, to whom I am well known and who are familiar with the circumstances of my case.
G. DE CASTRO.
BROOKLYN, N. Y., Aug. 19, 1862.
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JOHN MURDOCK,
No. 197 Fulton-st., Brooklyn.
NEW-YORK, July 28, 1862.
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NEW-YORK, June 29, 1862.
Dr. Lighthill:
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R. CLAYBURGH, No. 141 Duane-st.
No. 240 WATER-ST., NEW-YORK, June 6, 1862.
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The Troubles in New-Orleans.

A CARD FROM REVERDY JOHNSON.

The following card is published in the Washington Intelligencer:

An editorial in the New-Orleans Bulletin of the 19th of November, and a letter from a correspondent in that city of the New-York Times of or about the same date, combine to charge the Commissioner of a fraudulent or treasonable purpose in the loan of $400,000, on the 24th of October, by the Bank of New-Orleans, through its President, Mr. Duncan, its Cashier, a Mr. Smith, and a Director, Mr. Howard. This loan is said to have been on that day borrowed from the Bank by J. M. Duncan as agent of the Confederate Government, to be used in the name of E. Gautrain & Co., and to be repaid forty days preceding the 1st of January, 1863, in the Spanish war claim of Messrs. Duncan, Howard & Co., and, in the meantime, to have been fraudulently transferred, with the French Consul, Comte de Kerour. It is also said that this amount was retained in the hands of that Consul by Major-Gen. Butler, and was part of the same which Mr. Reverdy Johnson, as Commissioner of the United States, appointed by the President, investigated during the last summer, and claimed that the Government is entitled to have it, and that this advice was given to the Government by a worse court.

The accuracy of the facts, and of many of the inferences drawn from them, in these publications, have been called in question, in the judgment of the Commissioner, that they be officially notified in advance of his report, which he expects will be ready for publication in the Washington Intelligencer.

The charges, as far as they involve the Commissioner, are false in every particular. The only same money ever received by Gen. Butler in the hands of Mr. Duncan, which were before Mr. Johnson, and reported upon by him, were two:

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FROM THE SOUTH.

A Speech from Vice-President Stephens.

HIS VIEWS OF THE WAR.

Vice-President STEPHENS made a speech at Crawfordville, Ga., some weeks since, which we find reported in the Augusta *Chronicle*. The present war, he said, is emphatically "the people's war." It is the effort of one people to blot another from existence, and it becomes every man, let the South be attacked in every capacity in aiding the army which is preventing his becoming worse than a serf. He said, frankly, that the Confederacy, while doing all it can, cannot compete in the work relief for the army as the efforts of communities and individuals.

In his appeal for contributions he alluded to those whose pursuits, positions or opportunities had enabled them to make money in these times of opportunities to realize unusual profits upon labor or capital, in particular pursuits or trades, were incubus of all wars and this one was no exception. There were evils of war. They offered great temptations to frail human nature. These temptations by every one should be resisted as the effort of the fell fiend.

WEBSTER had said the fields of gold were more deadly to the moral constitution than the fumes of charcoal to the physical. It was true, none should think of making money or growing rich out of our misfortunes, but every one should see and realize the fact that our contest hope is centered in the country cause; that everything is at stake, and every one should do his duty, and the whole duty, whether at home or in the field. Those at home, in whatever position, have as important and essential—though not so hard and dangerous—duties to perform as those in the field. All should cooperate harmoniously and patriotically to the great end; and, while they (the people of that community) had none among them known as speculators or extortioners, yet there were some whose pursuits enabled them, or afforded them opportunities to realize larger profits on their capital and labor than in times of peace. He such he made a special appeal to contribute liberally and generously, as he believed they would. Let no one, whether body corporate or not, think of making profits out of articles needed by the men in the field. The idea was abhorrent.

On the general subject of our present conflict, involving, as it does, our individual as well as national existence, he said all wars were calamities—the greatest that can befall a people, except, perhaps, direct visitations from Providence, such as famines, plagues and pestilence. The greater the war, the greater the calamity. This war is a great calamity to us. We all feel it. It is the greatest war, and waged on the greatest scale, of any since the birth of Christ. The history of the world—not excepting the crusades—furnishes no parallel to it in the present era.

The responsibility and guilt of it must be fearful somewhere. As great calamities as wars are, they are, however, sometimes necessary. Often forced by the highest dictates of patriotism—like "offenses" we are told of—they sometimes needs come. They are, however, never right or justifiable on both sides. They may be wrong on both sides, but can never be right on both. Unjust wars, by the unanimous consent of civilized men, are held, as they should be, in condemnation and reprobation. People, therefore, as well as their rulers to whom such high trusts are confided, should look well to it and see that they are right before appealing to this last and most terrific arbitrament of arms.

Some thoughts on this subject, Mr. STEPHENS said, might not be out of place, even there. These he dwelt upon at some length, showing the justice of our cause and the wanton aggression of the enemy. He traced the history of the controversy between the Southern and Northern States, the principles and nature of our Government, the independence and sovereignty of the States, and the right of each to control its own destinies and act for itself in the last resort, as each State might think best for itself. It was wholly immaterial, he said, in considering the question of right and justice, now to look any further than the solemn act of the States of the South, after mature deliberation, each acting for itself in its sovereign capacity. Each State had the right thus to act, and when each for itself had thus acted, no power on earth had the right justly to gainsay it.

The old Union was formed by the States, each acting for itself in its sovereign character and capacity, with the object and purpose of advancing their interests respectively thereby. Each State was the sole judge, in the last resort, whether the future interests, safety, and well-being of her people required her to resume those sovereign powers, the exercise of which had been delegated to other hands under the old compact of Union. These principles have ever been held not only true, but sacred, with the friends of constitutional liberty in all the States since the old Union was formed. They rest upon that fundamental principle set forth in the Declaration of Independence, that all Governments "derive their just powers from the consent of the governed." The States South, therefore, had nothing but what was their right, their inalienable right to do, the same as their ancestors did in common with the North, when they severed their connection with the British Government.

This war was waged by the North in denial of this right and for the purpose of conquest and subjugation. It was, therefore, aggressive, wanton and unjust. Such must be the judgment of mankind, let its results be what they may. The responsibility, therefore, for all its sacrifices of treasure and blood heretofore, or hereafter to be made in its prosecution, rests not upon us.

Mr. STEPHENS said that soon after the first battle of Manassas duty called him to our camps near that point. He went over the ground on which that conflict had taken place. The evidences of the late terrible strife were still fresh and visible all around. The wide-spread desolation, the new-made graves and the putrid animal remains, not yet removed by the vultures, fully attested what a scene of blood it had been. While surveying the hills and defiles over which the valiant columns of men and the enemy passed, and were engaged on that memorable day, among many other things that crowded themselves upon his mind were two dying expressions reported to have been uttered in the midst of the battle. One was by a soldier on the side of the enemy, who, fallen and weltering in his blood, exclaimed, "My God! what is all this for?" The other was by the lamented BARTOW, who said, "Boys, they have killed me, but never give it up." These two exclamations were made at no great distance apart, and perhaps near the same time.

"What is all this for?" Mr. STEPHENS said he could but think the question was pertinent to both sides, and most pertinent from him who attended, addressed to all his invading comrades and those who sent them. Well might he there, in the agonies of death, in the din and dust of strife, in the clangor of arms and the thunder of artillery, ask, "What is all this for?" Why this array of armies? Why this fierce meeting in mortal combat? What is all this carnage and slaughter for? The same question is still as pertinent to those who are waging this war against us as it was then. Why the prolongation of this conflict? Why this immense sacrifice of life in camp and the numerous battles that have been fought since? Why this lamentation and mourning going up from almost every house and family from Maine to the Rio Grande, and from the Atlantic and Gulf to the Lakes, for friends and dear ones who have fallen by disease and violence in this unparalleled struggle? The question, if replied to by the North, can have but one true answer. What is all this for on their part but to overturn the principle upon which their own Government as well as ours is based—to reverse the doctrine that Governments derive their "just powers from the consent of the governed?" What is it for but to overturn the principles and practice of their own Government from the beginning? That Government was founded and based upon the political axiom that all States and people have the inalienable right to change their forms of Government at will.

This principle was acted on in the recognition by the United States of the South American Republics. It was the principle acted on in the recognition of Mexico. It was acted on in the struggle of Greece to overthrow the Ottoman rule. On that question the greatest constitutional expounder of the North, Mr. WEBSTER, gained his first laurels as an American statesman. The principle was acted on in the recognition of the Government of LOUIS PHILLIPPE, on the overthrow of CHARLES X., of France, and again in the recognition of the Limitrine Government, on the overthrow of LOUIS PHILLIPPE, in 1848. At that time every man at the North in Congress, save one, Mr. STEPHENS believed, voted for the principle. The same principle was again acted upon, without dissent, in 1852, in the recognition of the Government of LOUIS NAPOLEON. The same principle was acted upon in the recognition of Texas, when she seceded or withdrew from the Government of Mexico.

Many at the North opposed the admission of Texas as a State in our Union then. But there was little, if any, opposition to her recognition as an independent outside Republic. Strange to say, many of those who were then fiercest in their opposition to Texas coming into the Union are now the fiercest in their denial of the unquestioned right acknowledged to her before. Well may any and every one, North or South, exclaim, what is all this for? What have we done to the North? When have we ever wronged them? We quit them, it is true, as our ancestors and their ancestors quit the British Government. We quit as they quit, upon a question of constitutional rights. That question they determined for themselves, and we have but done the same. What, therefore, is all this for? Why this war on their part against the uniform principles and practice of their own Government? There is but one plausible pretext for it; that is to exterminate our Southern institutions. It is to put the African on an equality with the white man. It is to conquer and subjugate independent and sovereign States, who deny their authority rightfully to rule over them. It is a war, in short, on their part, against right, against reason, against justice, against nature, and for nothing but power, conquest and robbery.

It is asked on our side, what is all this for? The reply from every breast is, that it is for home, for firesides, for our altars, for our birthrights, for property, for honor, for life—in a word, for everything for which freemen should live, and for which all deserving to be freemen should be willing, if need be, to die. Such, doubtless, were the feelings which prompted the other exclamation on that bloody field to which reference has been made, "Boys," said the dying BARTOW, "*they have killed me*, BUT NEVER GIVE IT UP." The same sentiments animated the breast of every gallant son of the South who poured forth his life-blood in achieving that first signal and glorious victory to our arms. Those who survived them did not give it up, until they succeeded in driving back the invader, the aggressor, the despoiler and robber. Both exclamations may well be treasured as mementoes. In whatever trials and sacrifices this war may bring upon us, when the thought of "What is all this for?" comes to the mind, recollect that it is, on our part, for everything most dear and sacred; and whatever reverses may await us in a struggle for such objects, let the watchward of the last survivors be, "NEVER GIVE IT UP!" Let the world know, and history record the fact, if such should be our unhappy fate, that, though our country may be invaded, our land laid waste, our cities sacked, our property destroyed, the people of the South could die in defence of their rights, but they could never be conquered.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Dec. 5.

Mr. WILKINSON, of Minnesota, (Rep.,) offered a resolution requesting the President, if compatible with the public interests, to furnish the Senate with all the information in his possession touching the late Indian barbarities in the State of Minnesota; also, the evidence upon which some of the principal actors and head men were tried and condemned to death.

Mr. WILKINSON said there seemed to be a deal of sympathy in the East for these Indians, and he wanted the facts to go before the Senate and the people, so they could understand the matter fully. He related several instances of barbarity practised by these Indians by concerted plans, killing the men at work in the fields, and then murdering the children and carrying the women and maidens into captivity worse than death. He referred to an instance where a young girl of thirteen years of age was outraged till she died in the presence of her sick mother. He said the people of Minnesota had always been a law-abiding people, and he wanted them to continue so—but if these Indian wretches are not hung according to law, they will be killed by the citizens without law. If the Government will not protect the people of Minnesota, they must protect themselves.

The resolution was agreed to.

A message was received from the House stating that the House had passed the bill concerning judgments in certain suits brought by the United States.

On motion of Mr. FESSENDEN, of Maine, (Rep.,) the bill was taken up and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President *pro tem.* laid before the Senate the Message from the President, published yesterday, and also the report of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, (Rep.,) called up the resolution offered by him yesterday, calling for the reports, letters, telegrams, etc., concerning the Army of the Potomac and the surrender of Harper's Ferry.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, (Rep.,) introduced a bill to repeal the provision of the 1st section of the Act passed July, 1862.

It repeals the provision limiting the number of Major-Generals.

The bill was referred.

Mr. SUMNER, of Massachusetts, (Rep.,) offered a resolution requesting the Committee on Post-offices and Railroads to inquire into the expediency of providing for an air-line railroad from Washington to New-York to carry the mails of the United States with security and dispatch, free from all local impediments.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. HALE, of New-Hampshire, (Rep.,) from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill in relation to appointments in the navy. Referred.

Mr. ANTHONY, of Rhode Island, (Rep.,) offered a resolution requesting the Committee on Finance to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the act providing for internal revenue as imposes a tax upon powers of attorney for the collections of pensions, back pay and bounty for soldiers.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. POWELL, of Kentucky, (States Rights,) called up the resolution offered by him, relative to the arbitrary arrests of citizens of Kentucky.

Mr. CLARK, of New-Hampshire, (Rep.,) moved to amend the resolution by inserting the following words: "If not incompatible with the public interests."

The amendment was agreed to, and the resolution then adopted.

Mr. HARDIN, of Oregon, (Union,) offered a resolution requesting the Committee on Indian Affairs to inquire into the expediency of negotiating a treaty with the Indians of Southern Oregon and Northern California.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. SUMNER, of Massachusetts, the Senate went into Executive Session, and, upon the opening of the doors again, adjourned until Monday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Dec. 5.

Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, (Rep.,) desired to introduce a bill, of which he had given notice at the last session, to indemnify President LINCOLN and other persons for suspending the writ of *habeas corpus*.

Mr. VALLANDIGHAM, of Ohio, (Dem.,) objected to the second reading of the bill.

The Speaker said the question was now "whether the bill shall be received?"

The bill was then read throughout for information.

The bill is in substance as follows:

Whereas, On the 4th of March, 1861, some of the United States were in an insurrectionary and rebellious condition, and the public safety required the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* to be suspended, and some arrests and imprisonments were made in consequence thereof; and,

Whereas, There is not entire unanimity in the branches of this Government as to the declaring of such suspension of the writ of *habeas corpus*; therefore,

Be it enacted, That all such suspensions, arrests and imprisonments, by whomsoever caused to be made, shall be confirmed and made valid, and the President, Secretaries and heads of Departments and all concerned or envolving such acts are hereby indemnified and discharged in respect thereto, and all indictments, informations, suits, prosecutions and proceedings whenever commenced or to be commenced against the President or any other person, are hereby discharged and made void.

The second section provides that during the existence of the rebellion, the President shall be and is invested with power to declare the suspension of the writ of *habeas corpus* at such times and places, in regard to such persons, as in his judgment the public safety may require.

Mr. WALLACE, of Kentucky, (Union,) raised the question as to whether one day's notice of his intention to introduce the bill should not have been given.

The rule was then read showing that this course was necessary.

The Speaker said that the gentleman from Kentucky had already given the required notice.

Mr. WALLACE said he had no objection to the reading of the notice, but as the journal was not in the House,

Mr. STEVENS withdrew the bill for the present.

Mr. VALLANDIGHAM said that he should be glad to have a full House, at all events, when the bill was brought up again.

Mr. FENTON, of New-York, (Rep.,) offered the following, which was agreed to:

Whereas, The number of sick and wounded soldiers have increased to an alarming extent, sixty thousand of whom are unfit for active service, and many more would much sooner recover their health at home; therefore considering the slow method of furloughs and discharges,

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs inquire whether some method cannot be adopted by the Secretary of War and Surgeon-General, by which furloughs and discharges can be more speedily effected.

On motion of Mr. STEVENS, of Rhode Island, (Union,) it was resolved that the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire as to the reduction of the tax entering into manufactures, apart from that on manufactured articles, so that the material shall not be twice taxed, and that the Committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, (Rep.,) offered the following:

Resolved, That at no time since the existence of the rebellion have the forces and material in the hands of the Executive of the Government been so ample to and abundant for the purpose of its suppression as at the present moment, and that it is the duty of all loyal American citizens, regardless of minor differences of opinion, and especially is it the duty of every officer and soldier, and of those in every branch of the Government, including the legislative, cordially to strike at once the assassins who would destroy our existence, prosperity and freedom, of which we are justly proud at home and abroad, and which we stand pledged to perpetuate forever.

The resolution was agreed to. Yeas, 148.

WILLIAM J. ALLEN, of Ohio, (Dem.,) alone voted in the negative.

Mr. MAYNARD, of Tennessee, (Union,) offered a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the Committee on Indian Affairs to inquire into the causes, generally, of the Indian outrages in the Northwest, &c.

Mr. COLFAX, of Indiana, (Rep.,) offered a resolution, which was adopted, calling for the correspondence on the present condition of Mexican affairs.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on finances. It was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. HOLMAN of Indiana, (Dem.,) a resolution was adopted calling upon the Commissioner of Agriculture to inform the House how many clerks had been appointed since he entered upon his duties, their salaries, &c.; also, in what manner the $60,000 appropriated for seeds and cuttings had been expended.

On motion of Mr. NEGLE of Ohio, (Dem.,) the Committee on Military Affairs were instructed to inquire what legislation was necessary to secure the pay of soldiers in the convalescent camps.

Mr. Cox of Ohio, (Dem.,) offered the following:

Resolved, That the word "secession," used in the resolution passed this day, offered by the member from Vermont, is intended by this House to include all men, whether North or South, who have left, or out of Congress, who have been instrumental in producing the present civil war, and who have been guilty of flagrant breaches of the Constitution, and who are not in favor of the Constitution as it is, and the Union as it was.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINS, of Ohio, (Rep.,) the resolution was tabled by a vote of 85 against 31.

Mr. VALLANDIGHAM, of Ohio, (Dem.,) asked leave to offer a series of resolutions as amendatory to those offered by Mr. STEVENS yesterday, and to postpone their consideration to Tuesday next.

Resolved, That the Union as it was must be restored and maintained one and indivisible forever, under the Constitution as it is, and the fifth article providing for amendments included.

Resolved, That if any person in the civil or military service of the United States shall propose terms of peace, or accept or advise the acceptance of any such terms on any other basis than the integrity of the Federal Union, and of the several States comprising the same, and the Territories of the Union, as at the beginning of the present civil war, he will be guilty of a high crime.

Resolved, That this Government cannot permit the intervention of any foreign nation in regard to this present civil war.

Resolved, That the unhappy civil war in which we are engaged, was waged in the beginning professedly not in any spirit of oppression, or for any purpose of conquest or subjugation, or for the purpose of overthrowing or interfering with the rights or the established institutions of the States; but to defend and maintain the supremacy of the Constitution, and to preserve the Union with all the dignity, equality and rights of the several States unimpaired; and was so understood and accepted by the people, and especially by the army and navy of the United States; and that, therefore, whoever shall pervert, or attempt to pervert, the same to a war of conquest and subjugation, or for the overthrow or interfering with the rights or established institutions of any of the States to abolish Slavery therein, or for the purpose of destroying or impairing the dignity, equality, or rights of any of the States, will be guilty of a flagrant breach of public faith, and of a high crime against the Constitution and the Union.

Resolved, That whoever shall propose by Federal authority to extinguish any of the States of this Union, or to declare any of them extinguished, and to establish Territorial Governments within the same, will be guilty of a high crime against the Constitution and the Union.

Resolved, That whoever shall affirm that it is competent for this House or any other authority to establish a dictatorship in the United States, thereby suspending or suspending the Constitutional authorities of the Union, and shall proceed to make any movement toward the declaring of a dictatorship, shall be guilty of a high crime against the Constitution and the Union and public liberty.

Mr. LOVEJOY objected to the resolutions. All that was good was contained in those of STEVENS. On his motion Mr. VALLANDIGHAM's resolutions were tabled by a vote of 75 against 50.

YEAS—Messrs. Aldrich, Arnold, Ashley, Babbitt, Baker, Baxter, Beaman, Bingham, Blair, Blake, Buffington, Chamberlain, Clark, Colfax, Frederick, Conkling, Roscoe Conkling, Covode, Cutler, Davis, Dawes, Delano, Duell, Edgerton, Eliot, Ely, Fenton, Fessenden, Fisher, Franchot, Frank, Goodwin, Gurley, Hale, Harrison, Hickman, Hooper, Horton, Hutchins, Julian, Kelly, Kellogg, Loomis, Lovejoy, Low, McPherson, Mitchell, Morrill, Morrison, Nixon, Pike, Pomeroy, Porter, Potter, Rice, (Me.,) Riddle, Rollins, (N. H.,) Sargeant, Sedgwick, Shanks, Shellabarger, Sherman, Sloan, Spaulding, Stevens, Stratton, Thomas, (Mass.,) Train, Trowbridge, Van Horn, Van Valkenburgh, Van Wyck, Walker, Wall, Wallace, Washburne, William, Winslow, Worcester—78.

NAYS—Messrs. Allen, Ancona, Bailey, Biddle, Brown of Virginia, Clements, Cobb, Conway, Corning, Cox, Cravens, Crisfield, Dunlap, English, Fouke, Granger, Grider, Hall, Harding, Holman, Johnson, Knapp, Law, Lazear, Leary, Mallory, Maynard, Menzies, Noble, Norton, Nugent, Pendleton, Perry, Richardson, Robinson, Sheffield, Shiel, Smith, Steele of New-York, Steele of New-Jersey, Stiles, Vallandigham, Vibbard, Voorhees, White of Ohio, Wycklife, Woodruff, Wright, Yeatman—50.

Mr. ALLEN asked but failed to obtain leave to offer a resolution instructing the Committee of the Judiciary to inquire into the alleged right of the Federal Government to set at defiance the Constitution, laws and sentiments of the people of Illinois in importing negroes into that State, and to consider what action is necessary to bring about the deportation of said negroes.

Adjourned until Monday.

Secretary Seward Not a Candidate for the United States Senate.

From the Albany Evening Journal.

The following letter from Secretary SEWARD, in reply to one from Hon. THOMAS T. DAVIS, inquiring whether he would permit his name to be presented to the Legislature for United States Senator, is equally a reply to the journals that have frequently connected his name with that question:

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Nov. 20, 1862.

MY DEAR SIR: I thank you for your kind note. I could not well assume that the Legislature of New-York would entertain any pretensions on my part to a seat in the Senate of the United States. It would, nevertheless, be very unpleasant for me to leave any doubt about my own determination in regard to public life. It is my fixed purpose, when relieved from my present post, to be, and remain, so long as I shall live, a private, but at the same time a loyal citizen. So settled is this purpose, that I should not relinquish it, even though places were opened to me, not grudgingly or upon compromise, but voluntarily and by acclamation. Faithfully your friend,

(Signed) WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

Hon. THOMAS T. DAVIS.

Naval.

TO BE LAUNCHED TO-DAY.

The *Keokuk* will be launched this morning at 9½ o'clock, at the yard foot of Eleventh-street.

The *Catskill*, it is rumored, will also be launched to-day. She is one of the nine "Monitors," and is building at Greenpoint.

OFF AT LAST.

The *Juniata*, to which Mr. LINCOLN appointed Capt. Boone, after the loss of the *Varuna*, sailed, to join the blockade, from Philadelphia, yesterday. She was to be ready last February. The *Juniata* is a regular navy-built vessel, 1,340 tons burden, and carries 9 guns and 140 men. She is a pretty ship.

THE NINTH NEW-JERSEY REGIMENT.—This gallant regiment, which has been in North Carolina ever since the landing of Gen. BURNSIDE, it is now expected will winter at Newbern.

IMPORTANT FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

FORTRESS MONROE, Friday, Dec. 5.

Advices from Fortress Monroe, of yesterday, announce the sailing of a fleet of seven transports and two tow-boats, with sealed orders. Destination unknown.

FROM PORT ROYAL.

Arrival of the Store-Ship Courier—The Crew of the Prize Schooner Annie Dean, and a Charleston Pilot Passengers.

The United States ship *Courier*, three guns, W. H. CERNEY, Acting Master Commanding, arrived yesterday from Port Royal, after a passage of six days, and was towed to the Navy-yard.

She has on board the crew and cargo of the prize schooner *Annie Dean*, captured on the night of Nov. 26, while attempting to run the blockade out from Charleston. The cargo consists of turpentine and rosin.

She also brings North several invalided and discharged officers and men from the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron; also, SIMON BURNSIDE, a Charleston pilot, captured on the steamer Sumter.

The following men-of-war were at Port Royal when the *Courier* sailed, viz.: *Wabash*, *Susquehanna*, *Vermont*, *Wabash*, *Wissahickon*, *Seminole*, *Mohican*, *Unadilla*, *Pocahontas*, *Seneca*, *Ottawa*, *Pembina*, *Potomac*, and steamships O. M. Pettit and Roanoke.

The United States Coast Surveying steamer *Bibb* arrived Nov. 30 from New-York.

LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE COURIER.—W. H. CERNEY, Acting-Master and Commanding; Wm. E. Wheeler, Acting Master and Executive Officer; Marshall W. Slade, Acting Assistant Paymaster; Wm. R. Bound, Acting Assistant Surgeon; Wm. P. O'Brien, Acting Ensign and Sailing Master; Wm. G. McNeiler, Charles J. Hill, A. R. Axtell, Acting Master's Mates.

Amusements.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Mr. GRAU, who is the most unfortunate of managers, as far as weather is concerned, will give his grand "Dincrah" matinée to-day, when the whole of MEYERBEER's delightful work will be repeated. If the day is fine there will undoubtedly be one of the most brilliant gatherings of the season. Let us hope that it may be so.

GERMAN OPERA.—A spirited performance of "Der Wildschutz," last evening, attracted a very good audience notwithstanding the unpleasant condition of the streets. This charming little work improves so rapidly on acquaintance that it has already become one of the strongest attractions of the season. It is filled with delightful melodies and concerted pieces, that have motion in them. The performance last evening was unusually spirited, being as remarkable for the graceful acting of Mme. JOHANNSEN, and broad humor of Herr GRAFF, as for the musical care and excellence of all the artists.

To-night MOZART's opera of "Der Zauberflote" will be given for the last time.

IRVING HALL.—The Military Band of the Twenty-second Regiment, under Mr. HAUSWIRTH, will give a grand performance here this evening. Several distinguished vocal artists will also assist, viz.: Mr. WM. CASTLE and Miss JENNY KENYON.

LAST NIGHT OF CAMILLE.—The few that have not seen Miss HEZON in her celebrated impersonation of *Camille*, will have their last opportunity to do so at Niblo's Garden this evening. Throughout her engagement Miss HEZON has achieved an enviable success, playing to houses that inspired the artists as well as filled the managerial pocket. Whatever may be thought of the moral of the play—and to our thinking it has no moral at all, if we except the very important lesson it teaches upon young ladies, to give up their lovers under no circumstances and on no pretence whatever—it is one that thousands flock to see, and that Miss HEZON's rendition of the principal character is well worth seeing, very few will deny.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange....Dec. 5, 1862.

$600 Treas. 7 3-10 v c. Notes	104⅝	100 Erie Railway	42
3,000 do	104	100 do	s10 42
25,000 U.S. 6s 1 yr. Certif.	97⅞	100 do	b30 42⅛
10,000 N. Y. St. 6s, '72	113	400 do	s30 42
3,000 Ill. War Loan	103	40 do	s10 42
10,000 Tenn. St. 6s, '90	53	50 do	b10 42⅛
5,000 Mo. St. 6s	62⅝	100 Erie R. Pref	82⅛
5,000 do	s30 62⅝	100 do	s30 82⅛
1,000 Mich. Sc. 2d M.	93⅝	50 Hud. River R	s30 76⅞
2,000 Ill. Cen. R. B.	107⅞	600 do	74⅞
5,000 Mich. C. 6s, C. 1st	104	600 Harlem Railroad	22
M. S. 1st	104⅞	100 M. S. & N. I. R.	30⅛
5,000 A. & T. H. 2d m. pf.	79⅞	15 Rome & Wat. R.	90
2,000 do	79⅞	600 Harlem R. Pref.	51⅛
15,000 A. & P. Du C. 1st m.	90	200 do	s60 50⅞
4,000 Mich. Cen. 8, old	112⅛	100 do	51⅛
1,000 D. L. & W. 1st bd.	112	200 do	50
3,000 Tol. & W. R. 1st m.	87⅞	300 Reading Railroad	76⅞
10,000 Tol. & W. 2d Mort.	61	200 do	s30 76⅞
500 do	61⅛	200 Mich. Central R.	90⅞
4,000 M. & P. Du C. 1st m.	105⅞	250 do	90⅞
5,000 Gal. & Chi. 2d m.	109	100 do	s30 90
2,000 Ch. & R. I. 2	110	100 do	90⅞
2,000 P., F. W. & C. 1st m.	106	100 do	b10 90⅞
3,000 Clev. & Pitts. 4m.	70⅞	250 M. So. & N. Ind. R.	s10 40
7,000 Hannibal & St. J. b	74	1000 do	40
500 Phenix Bank	106	200 do	39⅞
14 Bank of Commerce	99	500 M. S. & N. I. G. R.	33
8,000 P. Ft. W. & C. 3d m.	69	600 do	32⅞
5,000 do	72⅞	50 do	b30 32⅞
17 Shoe & L. Bank	101	100 do	32⅞
15 Commonwealth B'k	89⅞	100 do	b15 32⅞
4,000 American Gold	132⅞	50 Ill. Cen. R. Sc.	s30 79
14,000 do	132⅞	200 do	78⅞
110,000 do	132⅞	200 do	b10 78⅞
10,000 do	s10 132	300 Clev. & Pitts. R.	42
45,000 do	132	100 do	b10 42
135 Penn. Coal Co.	115	400 do	42⅛
100 Cum. Coal, pf.	34	300 do	42⅛
60 Pac. Mail S. Co.	122⅞	50 do	s30 42
100 do	120	100 Gal. & Chi. R.	81
50 do	122⅞	150 do	81⅞
100 do	s30 121	100 do	81⅞
100 do	121⅞	100 do	s30 81⅞
100 do	s15 121⅞	50 do	s10 81⅞
500 N. Y. Cen. R.	102⅞	200 do	81⅞
100 do	102⅞	100 Clev. & Tol. R.	b10 69
300 do	102⅞	1000 do	69
100 do	s30 102⅞	400 do	69⅞
200 do	102⅞	300 do	s60 69
100 do	s10 102⅞	750 Chic. & R. I. R.	61
200 do	s30 102	100 do	s30 61⅞
250 do	102	50 do	62⅞
100 do	s30 102⅞	50 Chic. B. & Q. R.	b60 87
25 do	103	45 do	88
100 Mil. & P. Du C. R.	38⅞	50 Mil. & P. du C. M. P.	50
14 do	39		

SECOND BOARD.

$6,100 U. S. Dem. N's	127	100 Harlem Railroad	22⅞
7,000 Tenn. St. 6s, '90	55⅞	100 do	22⅞
10,000 do	54⅞	100 do	21⅞
5,000 Mo. St. 6s	62⅞	100 M. S. & N. I. R.	b30 29⅞
2,000 do	62⅞	200 do	s10 29⅞
20,000 do	62	400 do	29⅞
208,000 Amer. Gold	131⅞	300 do	29⅞
15,000 do	b30 131⅞	100 do	s60 29
25,000 do	s30 131⅞	200 do	29⅞
20 Ocean Bank	88	200 do	29
10 Pac. M. S. Co.	121⅞	50 Mich. Cen. R.	b30 90
200 do	122	650 do	90⅞
100 do	s60 121	50 do	s10 90⅞
200 N. Y. Cen. R.	102	100 do	s30 90⅞
100 do	102⅞	100 do	90⅞
100 do	s30 102⅞	100 M. S. & N. I. G. R.	32⅞
100 do	102⅞	200 do	32⅞
100 do	s30 102⅞	250 do	32⅞
200 do	102⅞	350 do	32⅞
300 Chi. & R. I. R.	60	100 do	s30 32⅞
1400 Erie Railway	41⅞	50 do	b10 32⅞
200 do	s10 41⅞	300 Ill. Cen. R. S.	79⅞
100 do	41⅞	200 do	s10 79⅞
100 do	b10 41⅞	400 Clev. & Pitts. R.	s30 42⅞
300 Erie Railway Pref.	82⅞	400 do	s30 42
600 do	82⅞	400 do	42⅞
500 Hudson River R.	74⅞	200 Gal. & Chic. R.	81⅞
100 do	b30 74⅞	100 do	81⅞
100 do	74⅞	100 Clev. & Tol. R.	69⅞
100 Harlem R. P.	b30 51⅞	500 do	64⅞
200 do	50⅞		

THIRD BOARD—1 P. M.

$40,000 American Gold	132⅛	100 M. So. & N. I. R.	30⅞
200 Erie Railway	41⅞	100 Clev. & Pitts. R.	42⅞
250 do	41⅞	400 Galena & C. R.	81⅞
100 Hudson River R.	74⅞	300 Clevs. & Tol. R.	69⅞
100 Harlem R. R. Pref.	51	700 Rock Island R.	81
50 Ill. Cen. R.	79⅞	200 do	80⅞
100 do	79		

FOURTH BOARD—4 P. M.

$20,000 Amer's Gold	132⅛	400 Harlem R. Pref.	50
20,000 do	132⅛	100 do	49⅞
10,000 U. S. Dem. N's	126⅞	1200 M. S. & N. I. R.	30
100 Pac. Mail S. Co.	122⅞	100 do	b30 30
400 Erie Railway	41⅞	100 M. S. & N. I. G.	32⅞
600 do	41⅞	200 do	s10 32⅞
200 do	41⅞	300 Illinois Cen. R.	77⅞
50 Erie R. Pref.	81⅞	1200 do	78
200 do	81⅞	1500 do	b10 78
50 do	81⅞	200 do	s15 77⅞
100 do	s5 81⅞	200 Clev. & Tol. R.	69
200 Clev. & Pitts. R.	42⅞	300 do	69⅞

FRIDAY, Dec. 5, P. M.

The Stock Exchange opened weak this morning, and at the early session, there was a decided preference to sell at a decline of ¼@1 ⅌ cent. from the closing prices of Thursday. After the Board adjourned, the same feeling prevailed on the Street, the decline extending to gold coin, which was done at one moment as low as 130½ per cent., as against 133 last night. The sudden and violent change in the general market was at first attributed to the peace rumors from Richmond in one of the morning journals, and the solution was for a time accepted by the Street. But later in the day, when a synopsis of Mr. Secretary CHASE's views on the Loan and Banking policy of the Government was made public, the movement against the market was at once attributed to a different cause. The sellers had evidently been acting on some knowledge that the report of the Secretary has created disappointment, if not a closer money market, in that he recommends no present increase of the National Circulation, while it looks to a further issue of 7.30 and 5.65 ⅌ cent. Bonds of short date, convertible into 5.20 year Stock, as an alternative to the direct sale of such Stock, at a fair market price. This disappointment will probably be confined to the suggestion of other modes of raising Money, rather than to the arguments of the Secretary, which are to the direct support of the present issue of United States Notes, and the vindication of its current usefulness through the past eight or ten months. But whatever the ultimate opinion of the Street on this point may settle down upon, or whatever the action of Congress may be, the effect for the moment was to depress the market from 1 to 1⅝ cent for the Railway Shares, and to check the rise in Gold. The business at both Boards was large, and the transactions late in the day at the outside room on William-street were considerable, and under much excitement among the operators. The last prices, compared with yesterday afternoon, were about as follows:

	Thurs.	Fri.		Thurs.	Fri.
U. S. 6s, 1881	104⅝	104	Missouri	63⅞	62⅞
Treas. 7.30 ⅌ ct.	104⅝	104⅝	Tennessee	53⅞	52
U.S. Notes C. R.	132⅞	132⅞	Harlem	22⅞	21⅞
American Gold	132	131⅛	Illinois Central	80⅞	77⅞
N. Y. Central	103⅝	102⅞	Toledo	69⅞	67⅞
Erie Common	42⅞	41⅞	Reading	76⅞	75⅞
Erie Preferred	82⅞	81⅞	Rock Island	82	79⅞
Hudson	74	73⅞	Galena	82⅞	79⅞
Mich. Central	91⅞	90⅞	Pacific	124	121⅞
Mich. Southern	80	79⅞	Canton	42	42
Mich. Guaranteed	84⅞	82⅞	Harlem Pref.	52⅞	50

The Exchange market was wholly unsettled by the fluctuations in Gold, and the disposition was to curtail or postpone the business designed for the mail to-morrow. There was a fair export demand for Gold, both yesterday and to-day, but it was not known how much of it will go forward by Saturday's steamer. The California packet of the 11th November is overdue, but no great uneasiness is yet felt for the safety of her remittance. The English letters had no perceptible influence on the Street. The impression from London is, that a further advance in the rate of interest may be made by the Bank of England to meet the large demand for Silver for the East Indies, which has to be supplied mainly by purchasers on the